

*ANNUAL REPORT*  
*TOWN OF PAXTON*

*Year Ending June 30, 2019*



*New flagpole on the Town Common*

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*WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE*

Robert Desrosiers  
Police Chief

Susan Stone  
Town Clerk

Kim Peloquin  
Treasurer/Collector

Marianne Belanger  
Capital Improvement Committee

Kim Cooke  
Children's Librarian

Tim Luring  
Conservation Commission

Harriet Fradellos  
WRSD School Committee

John P. Crowley,  
Municipal Light Board

Mary Ann Paquette  
Board of Registrars

Nancy Wilby  
Insurance Advisory Committee

Jean Parent  
Animal Inspector

David Parent  
Board of Health

Christian Baehrecke  
Central Mass Regional Planning

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*TOWN OFFICERS*  
*May 2018 to May 2019*

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Board of Selectmen		
Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman	2019	
John F. Malone, Vice Chair	2020	
Julia Pingitore, Clerk	2021	
Moderator		
Roger Brunelle	2019	
Constables		
Paul F. Ruane	2019	
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2019	
Tree Warden		
James Robert	2019	
Wachusett Regional School District Committee		
Harriet Fradellos	2020	
Benjamin Mitchel	2019	
Municipal Light Board		
John Ahearn	2020	
Emerson Wheeler III	2019	
Yvette Orell	2021	
Assessors		
Doris E. Huard	2020	
Marianne Belanger	2021	
Kateri Clute	2019	
Water Board		
John F. Malone, Chair	2020	
David J. Trulson	2021	
Rodney S. Jenkins	2019	
Board of Health		
Thomas B. Carroll	2021	
Judy A. Hatstat	2020	
Julia Pingitore	2019	
Planning Board		
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2022	
Robert Pelczarski	2021	
Jeffrey Kent	2020	
Henry Stidsen	2019	
Rob Jacobson	2023	
Library Trustees		
Nick Powlovich	2020	
Caroline Grinstead	2019	
Patricia Dawson	2020	
Andrea Thackery	2020	
Jenn DeFronzo	2021	
Karen Putney	2019	
Recreation Commission		
Betsy Howard	2020	
Jeff Cormier	2020	
Roberley Tasca	2019	
Christina Olson	2021	
Heather Larson	2021	

Cemetery Commission		
Patricia Belsito	2021	
Judi Mancini	2020	
Christopher Stone	2019	

Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives		
Robert Wilby	2020	
Peter Schur	2019	

**APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD**

Town Administrator		
Carol Riches	2019	

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen		
Donna Graf-Parsons	2019	

Town Services Coordinator		
Sheryl Lombardi	2019	

Town Accountant		
Larissa Kennedy	2019	

Town Collector/Treasurer		
Donna Couture	2019	

Town Clerk		
Laurie Becker	2019	

Superintendent DPW		
Michael Putnam	2019	

Veteran's Agent		
Jeffrey Kent	2019	

Veteran's Grave Officer		
Jeffrey Kent	2019	

Inspector of Wires		
John Reece	2019	
John Slabich, Asst	2019	

Building Commissioner		
Richard Trifero	2019	
Richard Travers, Assistant	2019	

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control		
James Robert	2019	

Board of Appeals		
Forrest Smith	2020	
Kirk Huehls	2020	
Paul Robinson	2019	
Richard Grensavitch	2021	
Roberta Brien	2019	
Caitlin Cournoyer	2020	
Scott Moss	2019	
Robert Birbeck	2021	

Board of Registrars		Agents for License Commission	
Mary Ann Paquette	2020	Donna Graf-Parsons	2019
Jeremy Richards	2019		
David Stoica	2021	Personnel Advisory Board	
Town Counsel		Heather Courtney	2019
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2019	Paul Sullivan	2019
Sexual Harassment Officers		Roland Card	2019
Carol Riches	2019	Council on Aging	
Care of Clock		Barbara Braley	2020
Bruce Cheney	2019	Robert Callahan	2020
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Gino Gangai	2019
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2019	Alice Crowley	2020
Emergency Management Director		Curtis Hammer	2021
Michael Pingitore	2019	Jean Wilde	2019
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Joan Bedard	2021
Jay Conte	2019	James Putnam	2021
Police Department Chief		Natalie Siemen	2019
Mark S. Savasta	2019	Robert Lamotte, Associate	
Full Time Officers		June Herron, Associate	
Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2019	Paul Bergin, Associate	
David Keller, Patrolman	2019	Mark Ahearn, Associate	
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2019	Historical Commission	
Guy Bibeau, Lieutenant	2019	DonMarie Desrosiers	2020
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2019	Anita Fenton	2019
Forrest Thorpe, Sergeant	2019	Pamela Hair	2021
Edward Santiago , Patrolman	2019	Donna MacLean	2020
Corey Buzzell, Patrolman	2019	Barbara Beall	2021
Robert Noone, Patrolman	2019	Sale of Town Owned Land	
James Duggan, Patrolman	2019	Carol Riches	2019
Conservation Commission		Michael Putnam	2019
Michael Voorhis	2019	Richard Trifero	2019
Leonard Anderson	2019	Donna Couture	2019
James Robert	2020	Kathleen Stanley, Ex Officio	2019
Zachary Ferguson	2019	Local Historic District Commission	
Holly Robert, Associate	2019	Donna MacLean	2019
Tim Lauring	2021	Jay Gallant	2019
Insurance Advisory Committee		Paul Robinson	2019
Deirdre Malone	2019	Christopher Isperduli	2019
Travis Thibault	2019	Cultural Council	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2019	Donna Graf-Parsons	2024
Eva Ryan	2019	Cindy Love	2019
Nancy Wilby	2019	Howard McGinn	2023
Deborah Bailey	2019	Marybeth Brown	2021
Tara Rondeau	2019	Christie Barnes	2020
Cable & Communication Committee		Donmarie Desrosiers	2021
Nick Powlovich, Chair	2019	Clarence Burley	2024
Carol Riches	2019	Anna Maria Scholarship Committee	
Scott Wilson	2019	Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2019
		Carol Riches	2019
		John Malone	2019

Capital Improvement Committee		Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Carol Riches	2019	Carol Riches	2019
Forrest Smith	2021		
Jeffrey Kent	2020	Scenic Byway Committee	
Kateri Clute	2021	Anita Fenton	2019
Mark Love	2021	Paul Robinson	2019
Robert Pelczarski	2019		
Timothy Grinham	2020	Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers	
Election Officers		Donmarie Desrosiers	2019
Janice Carlson	2019		
Janet Chapman	2019		
Kathryn Kingsbury	2019		
Nancy Delle	2019		
Gino Gangai	2019		
Deirdre Malone	2019		
Maryann Paquette	2019		
Sandra Vaudo	2019		
Paula Gangai	2019		
Melinda Johnson	2019		
Jacqueline LaFlash	2019		
Jane McTigue	2019		
Debra Henderson	2019		
Marlo Richard	2019		
Jonathan Parsons	2019		
Emma Ryan	2019		
Tiffany Sidhom	2019		
Nancy Wilby	2019		
Master Plan Implementation Committee			
Joanne Savignac	2019		
Robert Bostwick	2019		
Bob Hayes	2019		
Kevin Quinn	2019		
Paul Mathieu	2019		
Jay Gallant	2019		
Scott Siemen	2019		
Paul Robinson	2019		
Carol Riches, Ex Officio	2019		
Town Hall Renovation Committee			
Richard Fenton	2019		
Jay Gallant	2019		
Paul Robinson	2019		
Roberta Brien	2019		
Town Building Needs Committee			
Jay Gallant	2019		
Paul Robinson	2019		

**APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR**

Finance Board			
Jennifer Lennon	2019		
Mark Love	2021		
Richard Fenton, Chair	2020		
June Herron	2020		
Scott Runstrom	2019		
Seth Peters	2021		
Tim Linton	2019		

**APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Plumbing Inspector			
Dennis Harney	2019		
John P. Dolen, Assistant	2019		
Sanitary Inspector			
Wayne Curran	2019		
Burial Agent			
Laurie Becker	2019		
Animal Inspector			
Megan Canavan	2019		
Animal Control Officer			
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2019		
Rubbish/Recycling Collection			
Pellegrino	2019		



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND  
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND  
BOARDS*



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

Highlights from Fiscal Year 2019 include several significant changes to the Town of Paxton. Personnel changes were made as Paxton saw the retirement of some long-time employees. Financial issues eased slightly, and the Town continued to take important steps toward structural improvements.

The year saw the retirement of long time Police Chief Robert Desrosiers. Chief Desrosiers, a Paxton resident since childhood, was appointed Chief of Police during a tumultuous time in the department. He quickly instilled a level of professionalism and stability that had been lacking within the department. Upon his retirement, Chief Desrosiers was honored by local and state officials, receiving citations recognizing his more than 30 years of public service. The Board of Selectmen join with all Paxton residents to wish Bob health and happiness during his well-deserved retirement.

Desrosiers retirement announcement was followed by the appointment of Mark Savasta as the Town's next Chief of Police. Chief Savasta brings more than 20 years of experience as a member of the Town of Paxton Police Department, the last several as lieutenant. Paxton is very fortunate to have a member of the force prepared and willing to seamlessly move into the chief's position. The vacancy at the lieutenant's position was quickly filled by Guy Bibeau, whose promotion was endorsed by Chief Savasta.

A personnel restructuring took place in the Town Hall as well. Town Clerk Susan Stone retired this year after several years in the position. Laurie Becker was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to replace the retiring clerk, and Ms. Stone was kind enough to stay until after the November election to help the incoming clerk gain some knowledge in running elections. The Board recognized Sue for her many years of service to the Town and thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

After a resignation in the Treasurer/Collector office, Donna Couture moved into the recently vacated position from her position as Town Accountant. Deirdre Malone, a past Town Treasurer/Collector came out of retirement for a six-month appointment as Ms. Couture's assistant to help with the transition. The Board also appointed Larissa Kennedy as the Town Accountant. Residents of Paxton are very fortunate to have a strong team working in the Town Hall.

Town Administrator Carol Riches continued her push to have departments seek grant opportunities to help Paxton overcome fiscal challenges. The Paxton Police were successful in securing a \$17,622 grant to purchase mobile data equipment. The Water Department followed with a \$7,075 grant application to purchase a new trench box and the training required to use the box properly. Ms. Riches was successful in securing state grants in excess of \$30,000 to hire The Edward Collins Group, based at the University of Massachusetts Boston Campus, to conduct two studies for the Town of Paxton. The first was a Capital Equipment and Building Needs Assessment designed to help the Capital Improvement Committee for years to come. The second was to complete a Wage and Classification Study to help the Town formulate new wage and employment classifications to replace those that are outdated. Finally, the Town was awarded a state grant of \$25,130 for Paxton to take part in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, a study to help Paxton be prepared for the effects of climate change. The focus Ms.

Riches has placed on securing grants has enabled Paxton to take advantage of opportunities that fiscal constraints would not have otherwise allowed.

The Holden Road Reclamation Project got underway on Route 31 between Grove Street and the Holden town line. The project will bring much needed improvements to this stretch of road including sidewalks, proper shoulders, wider traffic lanes, and improved drainage. This project has been years in the making and should be completed during the summer of 2020. A special thank you goes out to the residents along this stretch as they have had to endure the noise, dirt, dust, debris, and inconvenience that comes with a project like this. Hopefully, we will be able to look at the final result and appreciate the much-needed improvements.

While the budgetary process was a little smoother this year, we remain aware that turbulent times may be coming. The Town Administrator, the Chair of the Paxton Finance Committee, and the I attended a Wachusett Area Towns' discussion of the Wachusett Regional School District's growing budget. Hosted by the Town of Holden and held without WRSD personnel present, the discussion centered on the District's increasing assessments to the towns and the pressure it is putting on municipal budgets. It was agreed that the towns and the District need to work together to formulate a budget process that will be sustainable in the future. An annual roundtable hosted by personnel from the Wachusett Regional School District took place shortly after the initial meeting. Stressors on the District budget were discussed as all tried to gain a better understanding of how to change what is currently an unsustainable model. While no immediate solutions were brought forward, work continues to make the budget season as uncontentious as possible. The meetings did illustrate how both sides are working to be as fiscally responsible and transparent as possible. Education represents slightly more than half of the Paxton's annual town budget.

Paxton has been considering joining with the towns of Holden, West Boylston, and Princeton with an agreement to regionalize dispatching services. Holden has hosted dispatching services for Princeton and West Boylston for the past four years. A feasibility study conducted by Tom Kennedy of CTC; Inc. was presented to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Kennedy reported that the State of Massachusetts has been encouraging a regionalized approach to dispatching services and that the Wachusett Regional Emergency Communication Center would be a great fit because of geographical similarities of the communities and the savings that would result. Much of the cost of the move would be funded by grants through the state and would result in a significant and necessary equipment upgrade. Both Police Chief Savasta and Fire Chief Conte recommended the move. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the recommendations and move our dispatching services to Holden. The move of dispatching services is expected to be completed by July of 2020.

A special thank you goes to longtime resident Rick Bedard who volunteered his time to clean the Korean / Vietnam Monument located on the town common. Thank you also goes out to the Recreation Commission for the new signage helping direct people to recreational areas in Paxton.

Finally, a great big thank you goes out to everyone who volunteers their time to serve on the various boards and committees who work so hard on behalf of the town. One of the most rewarding responsibilities we have as selectmen is to appoint residents to serve on these boards and committees. Much of the work is completed quietly behind the scenes which means much of it is done by people without the appreciation they truly deserve. If you would like to learn more about volunteering to serve please contact our Town Administrator or any one of us on the Board

of Selectmen. We always have openings and I am confident we can find the position which will best suit your time and talent.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Bogren, Jr.,  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

As I have done each year I would like to begin by once again bringing attention to the Town's dedicated department managers, employees, elected officials and numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all their hard work and commitment. Paxton would not be the Town it is without the involvement of these people. I would like to especially thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership of the Town.

The Town had another busy year including the following in fiscal 2019:

The Water Department was awarded a MIIA grant of \$5,000 for a safety trench, this is assisting in the compliance of the new OSHA standards that were implemented for municipalities in February 2019.

The Police Patrol/Supervisors contract was negotiated in house and ratified.

The Town Hall staff hosted for the 8th consecutive year a visit from the Paxton Center School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Employees enjoyed providing an insight into the fundamentals of their department and Anita and Richard Fenton provided the history.

The Holden Road Reclamation project received notice to proceed in November 2018, Amorello was awarded the state contract and work started in April 2019. I want to thank Holden Road residents for their patience throughout the construction process that will continue throughout 2019 and the spring of 2020. Also, to all motorists that use this road and may have experienced delays.

Police Chief Robert Desrosiers resigned in October 2018 after thirty years of service to the Town. We wish Bob all the best for his future endeavors.

Lieutenant Mark Savasta accepted the position of Police Chief and is doing a great job.

Kim Peloquin resigned from the Treasurer/Collector position; we wish Kim all the best in her future endeavors.

Donna Couture accepted the position of Treasurer/Collector, a change from her previous Town Accountant role. Although a complete change for Donna she is doing a great job.

Larissa Kennedy moved from Assistant Treasurer/Collector to take on a new role as Town Accountant. Larissa is being trained by Donna Couture and doing a great job.

Deirdre Malone agreed to return from retirement for six months to assist in the Collector/Treasurer office. Her invaluable help was very much appreciated by all.

Susan Stone resigned from the Town Clerk's position after over ten years, we thank Susan for her service to the Town and wish her all the best for the future.

Laurie Becker accepted the Town Clerk's position after several months under the guidance of Susan Stone and is doing a great job.

Michael Savasta, our IT Technician has been kept busy responding to many department technical issues, dealing with new employees and new equipment. We all appreciate Michael as our in-house IT support.

We applied and were awarded two Community Grants 1) To perform a wage and compensation study – this will be finalized in November 2019 2) To conduct a Capital Improvement Plan – this will be completed by October 2019.

We applied and was awarded a grant for \$25,130 to conduct a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness. This study will start in August 2019 and gather information as to how climate change effect our Town and how we can prepare for any potential incident that could cause injury or property/land damage.

We negotiated in-house the first contract with the DPW. A three-year contract will be ratified in fiscal 2020.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate from the Road Improvement Stabilization Fund of \$107,688.

The implementation of the meal tax brought in \$13,270 revenue for the first year. Although not a substantial amount, it is a new source of revenue for the Town.

We ran our first rain barrel program and provided residents with substantially discounted rain barrels. I would like to thank the Water Commissioners for their support.

To round off the year we held our eighth Paxton Days on the Common. The weather once again was beautiful and all who attended appeared to enjoy the music, vendors, and food.

In closing I would like to thank all Department Managers once again, and Town employees for their continued hard work and support. This year has been especially challenging within Town Hall due to the many staff changes in such a short time. I want to thank Laurie Becker, Donna Couture, Larissa Kennedy, Deirdre Malone, Sheryl Lombardi, Donna Graf-Parsons, Kathy Stanley, Tiffany Sidhom, Susan Stone, for all their help during the transition of changes. We have a great team in Town Hall.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Donna Graf Parsons, Executive Assistant for all the valuable help she provides to everyone daily.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2019:  
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Septic Inspections:	46
Soil Percolation Tests:	27
Septic Plan Reviews	23
Food Code Inspections	10
Semi Public Pool Inspections	2
Summer Camp Inspections	4
Housing Inspections	5
Complaints	0
Septic Construction Permits	19
Well Permits	1

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

To the Citizens of Paxton:

Fiscal Year 2019 ended quietly for the Finance Committee. For the first time in several years, the WRSD budget was approved at town meeting without argument. Year-end transfers between and within budgets totaled \$78,000 helping to offset a Snow and Ice deficit of \$20,000 and other unexpected expenditures including the increased cost of heating oil, replacement of broken door locks at the Senior Center and Town Hall, dead tree removal, etc. Reserve transfers amounted to \$18,655 covering a used replacement vehicle for the Animal Control Officer, required MIS outsourcing, oil heating expenses during the year and painting of the town common flagpole. We ended the year with an excess levy capacity of only \$4,000, once again indicating that our budget is exceedingly tight.

With respect to the coming Fiscal Year 2020, development of the budget presented to the Annual Town Meeting in May proceeded smoothly. Free cash of \$680,106, a value higher than that for FY19, was once again used entirely to help balance the budget. At a special town meeting on Oct 30, 2018, funding (\$25,626) was provided from free cash to replace the handicap ramp at the town hall. Also, at this meeting, in recognition that the Capital Depreciation, Stabilization and OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) accounts have been ignored for years, the transfer of 5% of free cash to each of these accounts was recommended and accepted. Consideration of OPEB was not without controversy. While funding of OPEB is strongly encouraged by the Commonwealth to a point of suggested requirement, it is thought by some to be an inappropriate and unnecessary sequestering of revenue needed to operate town departments while keeping the tax rate reduced. Others feel that the OPEB account is simply a savings account that will be utilized in the future to cover retirement benefits. It can be argued that both positions have some merit. Other expenditures approved at the Special Town Meeting included those for ambulance replacement, Senior Center furnace replacement, the purchase of three police cruisers and funding for a preliminary study required for a new DPW facility.

The town's proposed non-debt operating budget increased 6.7% from FY2019. The application of a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for non-contractual employees accounted for \$44,324 of the budget. Prior to applying the COLA, 23 of the proposed FY2020 budgets were level funded,

24 were increased and 4 were decreased. Salary increases for non-contractual employees were awarded to several positions. These were either step increases, or enhancements required to keep position compensations in line with salaries awarded in other towns.

Budgets for education are responsible for over 48% of the town's municipal budget. 1) The total Bay Path Vocational High School assessment for FY2020 increased 13.6% from the previous year as a result of more Paxton students in attendance. 2) As in previous years, one student from Paxton will attend the Norfolk County Agricultural High School with tuition and transportation totaling \$55,509. 3) The WRSD School Committee approved a budget that resulted in a total assessment to Paxton of \$6,553,275, representing a 4.0% increase in the non-debt portion of the assessment. We continue to urge our legislators in Boston to increase state funding for regional school transportation to a full 100% as was originally intended upon the creation of the regional school system. Less than full funding is unacceptable in that all local services relating to public safety, culture, human services, and public works are adversely affected.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,  
Richard A. Fenton, Chairman

**PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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The men and women of the Paxton Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2019 have continued to perform above and beyond the call of duty for the residents of the Town of Paxton. The Department has seen a steady rise in the number of calls for service over the last several fiscal years, a trend that appears to be nationwide. The Paxton Fire Department responded to 1048 calls for service in Fiscal Year 2019, from structure fires, car accidents and emergency medical calls to everything else in between. These calls for service prove ever challenging and with the rapid change in technologies, we had to, as a department adapt to become more of an "All Hazards" Department rather than solely Fire and EMS. As in years past we have responded to numerous fires, motor vehicle accidents, EMS calls, Hazardous Materials Incidents, and other emergencies.

Morale remains high among the ranks within the department. Each member is willing and able to serve in a moment's notice, and with strong leadership and dedication by the core of officers the department has, we will continue to respond with professionalism and compassion.

Recruitment continues to be a challenge, however in Fiscal Year 2019 we were able to send 3 town residents to attend and complete the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow and become Certified Firefighters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We continue to urge residents who have the interest to serve their community in a rewarding, fast paced environment to please reach out to us. We are always looking for new on-call firefighters.

In October of this past year we held our annual open house, this one by far was a huge success with easily over 200 residents of Paxton coming in to see what goes on, learn about fire prevention, and meet the firefighters. We do this annually every Fire Prevention week in October and look forward to seeing the residents there. As always, we remind you to change your batteries in your smoke detectors every six months and check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

The Paxton Fire Department is prepared and ready to face another year serving the Town of Paxton, but to be able to do this I want to thank the men and women of this department that make it happen! Most importantly the families of these men and women who have to endure their loved

ones leaving in a moment's notice in the middle of the night, weekends, holidays and special occasions to answer the calls for help from their neighbors and other citizens of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay J. Conte EMT, Fire Chief

**RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
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The library remains a busy place circulating in excess of 30,000 materials this last year. Patrons continue to check out books and videos in hard copy, but also can download audio books and kindle books from CW Mars without leaving their homes. Materials may be borrowed from all over the state with just a click and a library card.

Our Children's librarian, Kim Cooke left and was replaced by Pam Chenevert. Pam is a well experienced Children's librarian, presently working on her Masters in Library Science. She has brought many fun and interesting programs to the library.

Our summer began at Paxton Days with an enthusiastic line of kids for a balloon twister who could make any type of animal. We then had 100 kids sign up for summer reading and a chance to earn prizes. This year's summer reading theme was a "Universe of Stories". Many of our programs revolved around this theme with comet making, thunderstones, nebulas in a bottle and marbled planets. The kick-off was "Animal Adventures" with several live animals for the children to learn about. "Mr. Vinny – the Bubble Guy" entertained the children with an outdoor program of giant bubbles to chase. A drumming circle brought in people of all ages to tap a variety of hand drums for expression. We were pleased to have a dozen young adults take a babysitting certification course offered by Harrington Hospital. All in all, it was a busy summer.

In October, we had our annual Friends Book Sale. This is our major fundraiser and we thank all that support it and thank all for their generosity during our Membership drive. This is what allows us to put on all these wonderful programs.

We had a fun "Halloween Spooktacular" with a presentation by Mad Science of Western New England. We also started TACOS (Teen Advisory Council of Students) to bring young adults into the library. In December, Santa came, and the kids gave him their lists as they got their pictures taken.

Ongoing we have had an enthusiastic crowd for Wednesday morning story hour. On Fridays, we continue to have the Community Partnership present a "Read, Build and Play" program for the toddlers. Tuesday afternoons draw an ever increasing all ages group for LEGO building.

The library's Trustees are Karen Putney, Chairman, Nick Powlovich, Catherine McCourt, Aimee Brunelle, Andrea Thackery and Patricia Dawson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Bailey

**TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
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The DPW started FY19 off by completing full-depth reclamation and paving of Mower and Crystal Streets, followed by cold plane and resurface of Red Oak Street and Pierce Circle. These were funded by Chapter 90 and the Town Road Surfacing accounts.

The winter season started early, and the crew dealt with numerous black ice events from November on. This trend continued as we had less snow than normal (53 inches), yet many rain/ice situations. In early February we had a mini ice storm with freezing rain for two days straight. This type of weather and refreezing uses up a major amount of salt/snow/ice budgets.

In the Spring we did drainage improvements at the Wentworth field recreation area, Shanandoah Drive, and a culvert repair on Marshall Street. This was mixed in with street sweeping, line painting, catch basin repairs and recreation facility/cemetery/town building maintenance.

Cemetery work included starting a new expansion project with surveying, mapping of new lots, installing markers and planting new trees.

The Department took delivery of a new backhoe in the Fall. This is a huge asset to both the DPW and Water Department for construction, burials and water maintenance and emergency jobs.

The Holden Road reconstruction project had all temporary/permanent easements finalized and then ground broke in the Spring of 2019. The contractor is working at a fast pace with expected completion for Spring 2020.

The DPW continued with typical road maintenance including sign replacement, roadside mowing, street sweeping and pothole repairs. Subcontractors installed 300 feet of guard rail on Marshall Street.

The Department gets a lot done with limited manpower and equipment. These employees should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Paxton and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Putnam, Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION**  
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The Paxton Water Department had a challenging and productive year for FY19 with many obstacles, and accomplishments to note.

The Paxton Water Department purchased a total of 100,151,269 gallons of water from the City of Worcester in order to supply water to all our customers. Our customer base consists of 1,275 residential services, 3 sprinkler services, 13 institutional services, 27 commercial services, and 13 municipal services.

Throughout the course of the year the Paxton Water Department had a total of 6 major emergency water main repairs, some of which were done in sub-zero temperatures. The



Department also repaired 7 other main breaks that were located by its staff through leak detection efforts using sound sensitive equipment to locate the leaks.

The Paxton Water Department completed all work for the Gap II Grant that was awarded in FY18 through the Massachusetts Department of Clean Energy Results. This Grant allowed the Department to make energy efficiency upgrades to the Booster Pump Station in order to lower our annual costs, and work toward becoming a greener community. The Department was reimbursed for a total of \$22,814.00 through the grant, covering close to 90% of all costs associated with the project.

Besides completing the Gap II Grant Project, the Paxton Water Department was awarded two other grants in FY19. The first was the MIIA Grant, which provided \$7,075.00 to purchase a new 5'X8' trench box. The new trench box helps keep all Department employees safe during excavations throughout town and is used on a regular basis.

The second grant awarded to the Department in FY19 is a GIS Infrastructure Mapping Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency. This grant will help the Paxton Water Department to get more accurate location records for all aspects of the distribution system and create digital mapping of the system. This project is projected to start in FY20.

Additionally, the Department continues to upgrade to a new water meter system, which includes the installation of new, automated infrastructure meters to be installed at each water customer's property. Said meters operate on a cloud-based system that features many benefits including customer access through a website or mobile app, with such benefits as having leak detection alarms and notifications if the pipes are about to freeze (via a low temperature alarm). The new meters are good for 20 years; the radio devices are good for 10 years. As of the end of FY19, the Paxton Water Department had installed a total of 371 meters, which is roughly 28% of all services throughout the distribution system.

The Board of Water Commissioners met on a monthly basis throughout the year to discuss all aspects of the Water Department and to make decisions on behalf of the town's residents that are supplied with public drinking water.

Below are some of the activities that were discussed at the Water Board meetings:

- The purchase and replacement of fire hydrants throughout the system.
- Repairing water mains and services throughout the system, either through leak detection or emergency situations.
- The Consumer Confidence Report, which was posted online for the town's water customers. The report was also posted throughout town at public buildings, and copies were left at some of those locations for consumers to take.
- The Code Red system, which was utilized several times in order to inform consumers of emergency situations.
- Responded to customers with unusually high-water usage by giving them the opportunity to be heard at monthly board meetings.

- The need to replace water mains throughout the distribution system, and which mains take priority.
- The need to do major renovations to the Asnebumskit Water Storage Tank.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent and his Department for their hard work and dedication to providing residents of Paxton with clean and safe drinking water.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 John F. Malone, Chairman  
 David Trulson, Vice Chairman  
 Rodney Jenkins, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Paxton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) has powered the community of Paxton since 1914 delivering reliable, safe, low-cost electricity to the residents and businesses of Paxton. PMLD is a community owned, not-for-profit, that is overseen by a 3-person Board of Commissioners. Since its creation, the PMLD Board of Commissioners has established the policies that govern the utilities operations. The Board's primary focus has always been on ensuring that the residents and businesses of Paxton are provided superior service, reliable power, and low-cost, stable rates.

PMLD is dealing with a time of unprecedented change and challenges in the industry. These changes affect everyone along the supply chain, from the generator to the end user. Technology, changing regulations, increased efforts to conserve power, and a push for cleaner energy sources are changing the way we use and view electricity. In 2019, KWh sales dropped by 3.6%, receivables dropped 4%, operating revenues dropped 3.5% and expenses decreased by 5.3% compared to the year before. Much of this can be attributed to conservation efforts through increased use of LED lighting and more energy efficient appliance usage by the rate payers of Paxton.

**Operations**

- 10 new home services were added to the PMLD's electric distribution system.
- PMLD installed 2 new transformers and replaced 6 older transformers showing deterioration or stress, upgrading 4 of those transformers to prevent overloading.
- The linemen added 633' feet of underground primary wire to our distribution system.
- PMLD continued to replace old steel cutout brackets with fiber glass ones to minimize power outages caused by wildlife coming in contact with them.
- Hand-helds were replaced with secondary pedestals to allow for ease in locating and accessing on Red Oak and Hemlock Street.
- We installed 4 new streetlights, 1 for the Town and 3 for a contractor's new development.
- PMLD continued preventative tree trimming maintenance to decrease the risk of outages caused by fallen tree limbs: Walbridge Road, Monticello Drive, Boynton Parkway, Camp Pike and Pleasant Street.
- Successfully completed the Route 31/Holden Rd. Project, replacing 20 poles and updating all houses services on that section of road.

## **System Reliability**

In 2019, PMLD experienced 30 power outages, affecting a total of 507 customers. Quick response times to these outages by the PMLD line crew, resulted in 95% of those customers electricity restored within an hour and a half or less. Weather and animal related issues account for roughly 45% of those outages.

Major weather events: On October 17, 2019, Massachusetts was hit by a Nor'easter storm delivering heavy rain and high winds. The Town of Paxton experienced 3 power outages caused by that storm, the longest outage lasting three hours. In comparison, a neighboring town serviced by one of the major Investor Owned Utilities had no power for 3 days.

## **Power Supply**

PMLD continues to work with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co. (MMWEC), who manages PMLD's power portfolio to ensure we have enough energy in place to cover the Town's energy needs for years to come. We have developed a diverse power supply portfolio from multiple sources under a power supply strategy that best suits our community's needs. PMLD buys its electricity through fixed contracts, three to five years in advance, as well as on the open market. In 2019, over 21% of our power received was from renewable energy sources, hydro and wind, that includes Berkshire Wind located in Western MA and Hancock Wind in Hancock, ME. We also received power from nuclear power plants located in Millstone, CT and Seabrook, NH. Other sources of our power supply came from the MMWEC Stony Brook Plant. A recent greenhouse gas emissions report published by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection shows that Paxton is only surpassed by two other municipals light departments in the state of Massachusetts with power portfolios that are less carbon emitting. The full report can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/2017-summary-massachusetts-ghg-emissions-reports-for-retail-sellers-of-electricity/download>.

In recent years, older power plants, Pilgrim in Plymouth MA, have gone offline driving transmission and capacity costs up, causing problems for all involved in the electric industry. Despite rising costs, PMLD's power costs have remained stable and we have been able to avoid any rate increases.

## **In-Kind Contributions**

During 2019, PMLD contributed \$7,900 in direct labor to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton. These projects include the hanging of the seasonal lights on the Town Common, hanging of various banners throughout the Town and bunting on the Town Hall, the installation of new school zone flashing lights, and helped with the installation of cross walk flashing lights on Richards Avenue. The PMLD provides meter reading and billing services for the water department and for the town's trash to help minimize their overall operating costs.

## **Community Involvement**

In 2019, the PMLD pledged to become more active within the community. We participated in Paxton Days providing giveaways and having Pikachu, the electric Pokémon, greeting children and posing for pictures. We sponsored a breakfast at the Senior Center, catering it and giving away free LED light bulbs. At Thanksgiving, the PMLD donated supplies to help stock the COA pantry.

## **Company Highlights**

In 2019, the office experienced some staffing changes. We hired a new customer service

representative and the part-time billing clerk went full-time. The office is now staffed with 3 full-time employees, who are dedicated to providing the friendly, approachable customer service one expects from their local municipal utility.

Last year, PMLD sent out a newsletter and a customer survey. The survey responses were very positive ensuring us that we are meeting the needs of our customers, delivering the service they expect and maintaining positive relationships within our community. We created a new company logo and added a new payment drop box outside the Light Department. Our line crew apprentice completed his second year of lineman school. The General Foreman participated in a nationwide voluntary pilot humanitarian effort, "Light Up Navajo". Linemen from around the country donated their time and labor to help the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority run electricity to over 230 of the 15,000 families within their territory who have no access to electricity.

PMLD continues to provide its customers with free home energy audits through the HELPS program as well as rebates on certain high energy appliances and home improvements. In 2019, 58 customers had home energy audits, 19 customers received rebates for high energy efficiency appliances, 4 customers received rebates under the home efficiency incentives and 8 customers received rebates under the cool home incentives, totaling \$7,030 in rebates back to PMLD customers. We were very pleased to see that more of our customers took advantage of the rates and incentives available in 2019 than in the last 3 years combined.

### **Closing**

As the industry continues to shift and innovate, it is important for the PMLD to continue to adopt a more customer involved culture, enhance customer experiences and provide value to our customers by meeting their energy needs in various ways. PMLD continues to improve its customer service to enhance the overall customer experience for residents and businesses alike. We are actively pursuing avenues to ensure that we are investing in the future, keeping up with technology, and finding new ways to support a clean environment.

In closing, the Paxton Municipal Light Commission and General Manager would like to thank all employees for their hard work and continued dedication in 2019.

Most importantly, we would like to take this time to thank all our rate payers for being our customer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Rondeau, General Manager

For the Paxton Municipal Light Commission:  
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Chairman  
Michael Benoit, Vice Chairman  
Yvette M. Orell, Clerk

## **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

As I complete my first fiscal year as Chief, I want to extend my gratitude to the Selectmen, Town Administrator, the citizens of Paxton, and the Officers of the Paxton Police Department for helping to make my transition an easy one and for working together to maintain the high quality of life that we have come to expect in our community.

With very careful planning, I am happy to report we made it through Fiscal Year 2019 on budget. It can be a challenge keeping staff healthy and I want to thank our Officers for filling in when needed.

This year arrests and traffic citations numbers were up from previous years. An increase in proactive policing from our officers resulted in the reduction of house breaks and other crimes than we have seen in years past. I still want to remind our residents to be ever vigilant and keep in mind that our town is not immune to the problems that face larger communities. Always be aware of your surroundings and call us if you observe any suspicious activity.

As always, we take great pride in our town and always try to apply the laws of the Commonwealth fairly and appropriately without prejudice in our community. We are constantly trying to improve our services, update our training, increase our resources, and seek alternate funding. Please feel free to call us at 508-755-1104 if you have any questions or comments as we strive to give Paxton residents the best service possible.

0	Abandoned Auto
73	Accidents
148	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
103	Animal Other Than Dog
1	Arson
5	Assaults
141	Arrests
145	Assist Citizen
2	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
2	Breaking/Entering attempts
5,814	Business Checks
2,731	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
1	Destruction of Property/Motor Vehicle
121	Disabled Auto
35	Disturbances
106	Dog Calls
16	Domestic Incidents
2	Drug/Narcotic Violations
648	General Police
1	Homicide
26	House Checks
9	Larceny
39	Lockouts/Auto/Home
1	Loitering
4	Mental Health (Section 12)
3	Missing Person
0	Motor Vehicle Theft
78	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
9	Parking Violation
11	Phone/Annoying/Harassing
31	Property (Lost/Found)
5	Property Damage
1	Recovered Motor Vehicle
15	Restraining Orders
0	Robbery
1	Repossession

1	Rubbish/Dumping
1	Runaway
1	Sex Offense
0	Shoplifting
3	Soliciting
1	Suicide/Attempts
42	Summons Service
81	Suspicious Autos
19	Suspicious (other)
40	Suspicious Persons
8	Threats/Harassment
3,958	Traffic Safety
6	Trespassing Incidents
7	Vandalism
2	Warrant Arrest
11	Warrants/General
0	Weapons violations
37	Welfare Checks
83	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls

Respectfully submitted,  
 Chief Mark Savasta, Police Chief

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

The Council on Aging has had a significant year marked by growth in our senior community. It is projected that we will continue to see the growth of our seniors until 2030. Our COA board members had a campaign to welcome new seniors to our center this past year. We met that challenge with great success.

We continue to respond to the needs of today’s seniors by providing advocacy and support, while maintaining their independence, improving their quality of life, and preparing for life’s changes. As the town’s human service department, our focus is on health awareness, home and health support, counseling, information, and referral services.

Our Outreach Program provides families and caregivers the assistance they may need for their senior family member. This year we have seen an increase in the number of seniors, families, and caregivers looking for assistance and services as our seniors are remaining in their home. We work closely with home/health agencies to ensure our seniors are receiving the best care possible.

Our nutrition program offers lunch at the senior center three days a week while also providing meals five days to seniors in their home. We continually see an increase in the number of meals delivered to homes, and in the Senior Center. We offer assistance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as well as provide food pickup from the Wachusett Food Pantry.

At our town meeting in May, residents approved a 2018 van which we purchased in July 2018. Our van currently transports seniors five days a week. Transportation is available for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and various other appointments.

In the senior center this year we received a new heating unit and door in our lower level where our fitness programs and bocce are held. New doors were also installed in the foyer.

Expanded weekly activities now include chair yoga/balance, card games, bingo among many of the other activities that are held throughout weekly. In addition to activities, we host a breakfast café once a month with a variety of guest speakers and entertainment. We have a very strong men's, veteran's and dine out group. Our signature events include an annual health fair, craft fair, and senior picnic. All our programs and events are well attended. We offer intergenerational program by participating in a pen pal program with the fourth graders at the Paxton Center School.

Our Council on Aging staff consists of a Director who also handles our Outreach Services, a part time Office Assistant, and three van drivers. The Council has nine board members and five associate members who meet the first Wednesday of every month.

The Friends of the Council on Aging provides support through various programs and monthly bus trips.

As we look ahead to 2020, we will continue to provide the support and be an advocate for our seniors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Love, Director

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year with the Town Clerk. The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 508-791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. Peter Warren, Jr.

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

In the past fiscal year there were (3) full burials, (5) cremation burials and (14) lots sold.

At our July meeting the Commission voted to hire Quinn Engineering to draft a plan for the extension of eight roads to the south of the existing roads in Moorland Cemetery. Quinn hired Jarvis Land Survey to lay out the new roads and set the pins to mark the roads. The Commission approved spending \$2,000.00 for the engineering. The work was completed in September. In the spring / summer of 2020 we plan to pave and open one new road. This will provide us with (14) new lots consisting of (6) plots in each for a total of (84) plots that will be for sale to the town residents.

The Commission voted to spend \$1,520.00 for (10) new maple trees to replace the trees that had been removed and to plant in the expansion area of Mooreland Cemetery. The Trees were supplied by Bemis Farms Nursery. The DPW planted the new trees in October.

Mike Putnam DPW Superintendent reported to us that there were (5) tree in Moorland Cemetery that needed to be removed. The Commission voted to have the trees removed and grind the stumps. Mike hired Trees Unlimited to remove the trees at a cost of \$1,850.00 and Smith Tree to grind the stumps at a cost of \$475.00. The work was completed in December.

The Commission has been reviewing and making changes to the Rules and Regulation booklet for Mooreland Cemetery. After completion we will print new updated booklets.

The Commission approved the FY20 budget for \$12,279.00

The Commission thanks Mike Putnam and the men of the DPW for their continued efforts in maintaining our town cemeteries.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher D. Stone, Chairperson

**PAXTON BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

In FY19, the Paxton Board of Appeals (BOA) received six petitions for relief from the Paxton Zoning Bylaws. Four meetings were held to provide the petitioners a public meeting to present their reasons for appealing a ruling by the Paxton Building Commissioner or to satisfy Zoning Bylaw requirements. All petitions were approved and most with conditions. Also, a Subcommittee was formed in order to submit amendments to several sections of the Zoning Bylaws. The BOA members remained the same from the previous FY.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Brien, Chairman

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

For FY19, the Planning Board approved one Site Plan Review for Dunkin Donuts and approved one Storm Water Permit for a Single-Family Residence. The board also approved an Amendment to the Special Permit for Highland Village and an Amendment to the Definitive Subdivision Plan for Spaulding Woods, both being ongoing construction projects. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments heard throughout the fiscal year along with four Approval Not Required, ANR's. Finally, the board held a hearing to amend the Zoning Bylaw for Marijuana Establishments. The board met ten times and approved minutes are available on the towns' website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

The Paxton Historical was established in 1976 to preserve, document, and analyze historical documents and artifacts of Paxton's past.



Membership includes:  
Anita Fenton - Chairman  
Donna MacLean - Treasurer  
Donmarie Desrosiers - Secretary  
Members: Pamela Hair and Karl Ottmar

The Commission continued its annual project to publish a calendar depicting images that showcased people, places, and activities that are a part of Paxton's heritage focusing on unique unpublished photos in their extensive archival collection.

Several Commission members gave tours of the town hall to the third-grade classes from Paxton Center School with descriptions of social meetings, festive celebrations and town meetings that once occurred in the second floor Allen Hall. There also was a tour of the basement with its historic jail or "tramp room" and an unusual four holer once in use in the building. A coloring contest of possible colors that once existed on the original town hall was also repeated with resulting pictures displayed in the White Building foyer. Additional tours were also given of the Senior Center (old Center School) and Paxton Center Cemetery in order to enhance the children's understanding and appreciation of Paxton's historic character.

During the annual June Paxton Days, the Commission had available various costumes for adults and children to wear in order to have their photos taken in front of an historical image of Paxton commissioned from town artist, Jennifer Niles. Family photos were available for pickup at the library a few weeks later. Items on sale were Paxton mugs, as well as books and postcards based on the history of the town.

The Commission was also able to display a unique Paxton artifact. It was a Paxton Whig Party banner that dated from approximately 1830-1840 when the Whig Party was active in America. The Trustees of Richards Memorial Library had discovered it several months earlier while reorganizing the library's basement. Commissioners voted to purchase a special archival box for its storage and preservation. A large facsimile will be printed for residents to view it in the Commission's office.

Several suggested areas for financial improvement were prepared and presented to the Capital Improvement Group. The most significant was for the restoration and preservation of 110 gravestones in the Paxton Center Cemetery, which is part of our local historic district. A quote from Gravestone Services of New England who gave the Commission a quote of \$250 per stone to restore and clean them, totaling \$27,500. The Cemetery Commission was contacted about the possibility of obtaining funds for this effort with the prospect of applying for a Massachusetts Preservation project Fund to reimburse 50% of the costs. The second area that was submitted was for the submission to an architectural firm to obtain a Renovation and Revitalization Design Plan for the Senior Center. It would be similar in scope to the one obtained by the town in 2009 for the Town hall.

As always, residents and guests were invited to the Historical Commission office open houses presented from Spring to Fall during the second Saturday of the month to observe artifacts from Paxton's history.

The Commission has advertised for additional members to join the Commission in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Fenton

**PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

The Paxton Cultural Council was established to help in the funding of local artists, cultural groups, and coordinators who submitted grant applications that would enhance the cultural experience of Paxton residents. The Council has supported numerous varied events all year long which are displayed on the town website and in the local newspaper.

The Paxton Cultural Coalition allocated \$5,984.00 in funds to various programs. We received a total of 16 submissions. After careful review, we granted funding to 14 of the programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McGinn

Donna Parsons

Christie Barns

Cindy Love

Marybeth Brown

Donna Marie Desrosiers

Clarence Burley

**WIRING INSPECTOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site [www.townofpaxton.net](http://www.townofpaxton.net). Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Executive Assistant 508-754-7638 ext. 10. All wiring, whether done by the homeowner or a licensed electrician, requires a permit and inspection. Electricians should be prepared to show an electrician's license and a current certificate of insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Reece

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) began the planning cycle in December 2018, reviewing the status of capital items procured in prior fiscal years, status of items on the current project plan, the Town's fixed assets, and current and project financial capacities. On 07 December 2018, the CIPC published guidance and solicited Department and Committee input to the FY 20 Capital Budget and FY 21-26 Capital Program.

In January 2019, the CIPC received 14 capital requests totaling \$4,005,000.00. In the subsequent months, the CIPC reviewed all projects and met with the departments to discuss the following FY20 Capital Improvement Projects:

1. DPW (\$344K):
  - a. Phase I Site Assessment for New DPW Facility / \$150K
  - b. DPW Garage Roof / \$42K
  - c. Sidewalk Plow/Sweeper / \$152K
2. Police (\$99K): Replace 3 Cruisers (Lease to Own)
3. Paxton Fire Department (\$3.345M):
  - a. Ladder 1 Replacement / \$1.1M

- b. Platform 1 Replacement / \$1.35<sup>1</sup>
  - c. Tanker Truck Replacement / \$370K
  - d. Ambulance A-2 Replacement / \$285K
  - e. FF Gear/PPE Replacement / \$153K<sup>1</sup>
  - f. Car #4 Replacement / \$53K
  - g. Forestry 1 Refurbishment / \$34K  
<sup>1</sup>Deferred to Future FY
4. Town Administrator (17K): Boiler & Burner Replacement/John Bauer Senior Center
  5. Water Department (\$150K; Enterprise Account): Water Line Replacement (Length of West Street to Suomi)
  6. CIPC (\$50K): Capital Equipment and Building Needs Assessment

In April 2019, the CIPC voted and forwarded the following Warrant Article recommendations to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen:

1. A-2 Ambulance Replacement
2. New Facility Phase I Site Assessment
3. Garage Roof Replacement
4. JBSC Boiler & Burner Replacement
5. Ladder 1 Replacement
6. Police Cruisers (3) Replacement
7. Capital Equipment and Building Needs Assessment
8. Water Main Engineering Study

At the Annual Town Meeting (6 May 2019), the following articles were presented, and motions made for the following Warrant Articles:

**Article 10 - Ambulance Replacement:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a ten year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new ambulance to replace the existing 2008 Ford Lifeline ambulance for the Fire Department in the amount of \$285,000, with a first year lease payment of \$35,102, and the remaining nine yearly payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the Fire Department budget and Holden Hospital Funds; or act any way thereon.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 11 - DPW Facility:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000, or any other sum, to conduct a site Plan and Initial design (Phase One) of a new Department of Public Works Facility; or act in any way thereon.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 12 - DPW Roof Replacement:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$42,000, or any other sum, to replace the existing roof at the Department of Public Works Facility; or act in any way thereon.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 13 - Council on Aging Heating Boiler Replacement:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,000, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace the existing heating boiler in the John Bauer Senior Center; or act in any way thereon.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 14 - Ladder #1 Replacement:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$900,000 or any other sum, to replace the Fire Department's 2003 KME Aerial Platform Ladder #1 Truck or act in any way thereon; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 15 - Police Cruisers:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a three year "lease to own" agreement for the purpose of acquiring three police cruisers to replace the existing vehicles (2013 Ford Utility, Taurus, & Fusion) for the Police Department in the amount of \$99,000, with a first year lease payment of \$33,000 and the remaining two yearly payments to be raised and appropriated; with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to applied towards the annual lease; or act any way thereon.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 16 - Water Main Engineering Study:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000 or any other sum, from the Water Enterprise Funds for the purpose completing a water main engineering study of West Street (Town Center to Suomi Street) or act any way thereon.

Note: Water Department withdrew article due to a higher priority (Asnebumskit Hill Water Tank emergency repairs/maintenance). Motion was made and seconded to pass over article.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED OVER.**

**Article 17 - Capital Equipment and Building Needs Assessment:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to hire an independent company to conduct a Capital Asset Needs Study on all department capital items with a replacement cost over \$10,000 and all Town buildings. Furthermore, the audit report would contain findings and recommendations which the Board of Selectmen.

Note: Town of Paxton secured a \$25,000.00 grant from the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to conduct a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Study. Motion was made and seconded to pass over article.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED OVER.**

At the Annual Town Election (13 May 2019), voters defeated Question 1 (Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new Aerial Ladder Truck for the Fire Department?).

The Chairman wishes to recognized Carol Riches for her outstanding work in securing the grant from the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management. The Center is currently reviewing our capital processes/procedures, reviewing our capital assets, and developing a comprehensive capital improvement plan. The deliverables, which will be implement for the FY 21-26 Capital Budget and Program, include:

1. A comprehensive, Capital Project investment strategy/capital budget & 5-year Capital Plan five-year CIP that is executed and managed via an online/web-based tool kit.

2. Capital request forms that describe the capital project(s) they propose, including scope, timing, cost, and justification.
3. Vehicle capital replacement tool that has 18 data points in five major categories that contribute to the decision to replace a vehicle.
4. Generally accepted lifespans for common municipal capital assets, including building components.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Kent, Chairman  
Forrest Smith, Vice Chair  
Kateri Clute  
Tim Grinham  
Mark Love  
Robert Pelczarski  
Carol Riches

**VETERANS AGENT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

The following report is of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Paxton for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Department is responsible for the administration of veterans' benefits program, per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. It provides financial assistance to honorably discharged, veterans who establish need and worthiness and are residents of the Town of Paxton. During the year, the office extended benefits to qualified veterans totaling \$9,094.02 for housing, food, heat, medical and other related costs. The amount expended was reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth at a rate of 75% of total expenditures.

The Department also provided confidential counsel and advice to Paxton Veterans, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining information and benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, and the Town of Paxton Department of Veterans' Services.

The Veteran's Agent continues to partner with the Paxton Council on Aging (COA) Outreach Coordinator and American Legion Post 306. In the past year, the Department participated monthly veteran events at the John Bauer Senior Center (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 10:30 am) and Post 306 Headquarters (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm).

Respectfully,  
Jeffrey L. Kent, Veteran's Agent

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

Dear Residents of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling,

As we embark upon the third decade of the twenty-first century, it is important for us to remember that our district was the very first regional school district in Massachusetts. Over the years, our schools have become the center of our communities, with families moving to Central Massachusetts specifically to be part of the Wachusett Regional School District. Our five towns continue to work together to provide our

children with schools that offer meaningful educational experiences and opportunities afforded by dedicated educators and support staff.

As we have done over the past several years, the District and Member Town officials held the annual Budget Roundtable at the Holden Senior Center in early November. This meeting is the opportunity to discuss budget issues associated with the upcoming fiscal year. As always, the meeting was well attended by town representatives, officials from the state, members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, and community members interested in learning more about the budget process. State representatives voiced their support of the recently signed Student Opportunity Act that will provide more state funding for many of the outdated dollar amounts used in the Chapter 70 formula calculation. We would like to thank our state representatives for their continued support of increased funding for all schools in the commonwealth.

The 2019-2020 school year has been a milestone year for the Wachusett Regional School District. For the first time in the history of our shared communities, the WRSD is now able to offer free full-day kindergarten to students from our towns. Although the District has offered tuition-based full-day kindergarten for many years, tuition-free kindergarten equals the playing field for all students so that the educational experiences of some of our youngest students are equitable from classroom to classroom, school to school, and town to town. This transformative educational endeavor will now provide benefits to all our students when they enter our elementary schools. This was also the first year when all the students at our high school were issued a Chromebook to be used at school and at home. Over 2,000 Chromebooks are being utilized at WRHS on a daily basis as our students and staff use these important tools of technology to further enhance and support the learning experience. These two endeavors are representative of the educational advancements our communities continue to make through their investment in education and the future.

For the second consecutive year, the five towns that comprise the Wachusett District supported a budget that has permitted us the opportunity to increase support for our students. We anticipate the continuation of the forward progress made this past year as we look to create a budget that supports the Strategic Plan and focuses on the social and emotional health of our students.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and community members for their continued support and dedication to the education of the children in the Wachusett Regional School District. Working together, we will provide our students with a quality education that will prepare them for success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darryll McCall, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 268 students in June of 2019 and accepted a class of 315 freshmen in September of 2019. Our current enrollment has reached 1,145 students.

Of the 6 Paxton seniors who graduated 3 are now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 3 are attending college. Currently, 16 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of our 22 vocational areas for the 2019-2020 school year. Five Paxton students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to provide requested services to municipalities, non-profit organizations, and residents from any of

our ten district towns. During the 2018-2019 school year, our 22 vocational programs completed 894 work orders, of which, 16 were for residents of the Town of Paxton.

Our Hilltop Restaurant and Minuteman Shoppe are opened to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Our cosmetology program is also open to the general public. Appointments for cosmetology services must be made in advance by calling the school. Residents of the Bay Path district are encouraged to take advantage of the services provided by our students. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs to in-district residents. We will continue this type of work whenever possible, keeping in mind that the projects must be of educational value for our students.

Our Evening School Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10-town district, as well as an additional 20 surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall programs had a combined enrollment of 1,858, in programs ranging from Business & Finance, Career/ Licensing; Computers; Cooking; Entertainment; Health & Fitness; Hobbies & Crafts; Home & Job; Language & Art; and Sports & Leisure. The program also offered a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

This year, the only “Out of District” students that have been accepted are students who began their high school education at Bay Path while residing in one of the Districts ten member towns and then subsequently moved out of the District before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where the students now reside must pay an out of district tuition for each student ranging in cost between \$16,393 and \$18,386. Those towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

The Wachusett Regional School System continues to provide excellent cooperation for our recruiting program, and we are thankful for their efforts. I believe that they share our feeling that all students must be given the right, the information, and the opportunity to make an informed school choice.

We, at Bay Path, will continue to serve Paxton with the finest vocational education programs available for high school students and adults, and will, when at all possible, use our skills and facilities to further town projects as they add to our students' education.

Respectfully submitted,  
John A. Lafleche, Superintendent-Director

**WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER**  
**WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

Wachusett Earthday Inc (WEI), a seven town collaborative effort founded to provide a local and environmentally responsible solution to the disposal of difficult items and hazardous substances, operates at the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston on property owned by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Funded in part by the seven towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling & West Boylston, and supported by the MA Department of Environmental Protection, WEI provides, as well, a place to share gently used but still serviceable household items. The facility is staffed almost exclusively by a large number of dedicated volunteers from numerous member and surrounding towns.

The past year again saw an increase in site usage during our open hours of Tues (9-11), Wed (2:30-4:30), Thurs (5-7) and every third Sat (8-11). WEI continued to close Thursday evenings for the months of December, January & February (opening on the first Saturdays of those months). A total of 146 collections was held in calendar 2019 with 31,521 vehicles coming through the site (an increase of 3,814 over 2018's total); total gallons of HHP collected increased from 8,968 in 2018 to 9,198. In addition, 1,261 gallons of latex paint was diverted for recycling. Mattress/box spring recycling continues to be successful – over 1200 mattresses were sent for recycling versus landfill or incineration in 2019.

The on-site solar array defrays some of the cost of our electricity and WEI has sold several hundred dollars of SREC's on the solar market. In 2019, fencing to protect the solar array was installed. The remainder of the site also was paved using road millings (at a reduced cost over traditional paving), easing the work of the DCR plows as well as reducing dust and debris tracked into the building and keeping. WEI began working with a styrofoam recycler to take clean packing styrofoam collected onsite for reuse. We have been able to recycle 160 cubic yds of styrofoam over the last 6 months of 2019.

Wachusett Earthday continues to partner with multiple local social service and charitable organizations such as More Than Words, Fresh Start Furniture Bank, NuDay Syria – a more comprehensive list will be added to our website in 2020. Our small retail department continues to grow in popularity as well as providing a financial boost to the center in general, helping to offset the rising costs of recycling. We continue to sell composters at discounted rates.

Six HHP (household hazardous products) collections were planned for 2019 and five were held. Three free document shredding days were held. The site closed for both the Christmas and New Year's weeks to give our volunteers some time off. Document shredding will be offered again in 2020 and, as of this writing, we do not yet have dates for HHP collections.

The focus of 2020, in addition to continuing collections along the current schedule, will be on education. Continued increases in materials disposed/discarded indicates that people are not yet changing their purchasing habits. With increased outreach and community contact in person and on social media, we hope to encourage people to make wise decisions when making purchases, disposing of waste, and utilizing our natural and manufactured resources. We plan to attend as many town-sponsored events as possible to share information and suggestions for responsible disposal, reuse, recycling, and general waste reduction.

In 2020, holiday closings will be January 1<sup>st</sup> and the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

2019 Members of the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center Town

Representatives:

Boylston: April Steward/Allison Mack      Rutland: Sheila Dibb/Michael Nicholson

Holden: Pam Harding/Wendy Brouillette      Sterling: Ross Perry/Paul Lyons

Paxton: Carol Riches/Sheryl Lombardi      W Boylston: Nancy Lucier

Princeton: Art Allen

WEI: Helen Townsend/Mark Koslowske/Norma Chanis

MA DCR: John Scannell



2019 Board of Directors:

Connie Burr, Norma Chanis (Clerk), William Cronin, Susan Farr, Tim Harrington (Treasurer), Michael Kacprzicki, Mark Koslowski (VP & Operations Manager), Pat Popple, Vanya Seiss, Helen Townsend (President)

New Board Members in 2019: Morgen Frye, Ronaldo Lu

Retired Board Members in 2019: Robert Troy

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Townsend

1/22/2020

## WACHUSETT GREENWAY ANNUAL REPORT FY2019

### **25 Years of Partnerships to Connect our Communities**

Wachusett Greenways (WG) thanks the partners who have brought us to 25 years of connecting our communities with trails and greenways. Thank you to every WG member, donor and volunteer, eight central Massachusetts Towns, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Mass Office of Travel and Tourism, Worcester County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program, each legislator, many local foundations, several regional schools and colleges, several non-profit organizations, and businesses.

### **Each of Eight Towns Participate**

All eight partner towns--Barre, Holden, Oakham, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston--contributed toward Wachusett Greenways operating expenses and care of the Mass Central Rail Trail in FY 20. Wachusett Greenways is deeply grateful to the citizens, select board members, town administrators and manager each town for their encouragement and for their enthusiasm for the Mass Central Rail Trail.

### **Reached the Goal of 1000 Wachusett Greenways Donors**

A record number of 1004 donors contributed to WG in 2019 including 160 new members. Donors came from 126 different towns and 24 different states. 513 of the WG donors made gifts to Wachusett Greenways' MCRT Construction Fund. Nearly 200 volunteers of all ages served in 2019.

### **Stretching Across the Commonwealth**

Twenty miles of the treasured Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) are open and being cared for by WG and our partners. Now we are working to complete the remaining ten miles of the central 30-mile section of this prized multi-use trail for recreation, transportation, and health. Year-round neighbors and visitors benefit from the MCRT between Sterling and Barre. To the east and to the west of our region, the Commonwealth and others are constructing new sections of the MCRT along the 104-mile corridor between Northampton and Boston.

### **MCRT Construction and Restoration Progress**

Mass Central Rail Trail construction projects advanced in 2019 through the DCR Recreational Trails Program and the new MassTrails Program grants with Wachusett Greenways match included are:

1. Phase II to restore the section in West Boylston at Thomas Street to I-190.

2. Phase II of new construction of the 0.8-mile section in West Boylston along old Pleasant Street between Route 140/Beaman Street and Prescott Street.
3. Phase I of reconstruction adding an accessible-grade bypass for the connector section in Holden between River St. and Manning Street.
4. Phase I--temporary deck repair of the bridge in Sterling at the Quag/West Washacum in preparation for renovation or replacement of the bridge.
5. Phase I planning for reconstruction of the trail for accessibility at Whitehall Road in Rutland.
6. Phase I of design for new construction of the 1.9-mile section in Holden from Mill Street to Princeton Street.

The DCR solicited design and engineering for the new bridge connection at the Route 140/Beaman Street causeway in West Boylston in 2019. Progress was interrupted when anticipated design cost exceeded the funds allocated. The Commonwealth and Wachusett Greenways will continue to seek an effective plan for completing this key MCRT connection.

Projects which WG is working to advance in 2020 include a MassTrails grant proposal to reconstruct the MCRT in Holden between Manning Street and Route 31 at Mill Street with accessible grades and the MCRT connection in Rutland at Miles Road.

### **Gratitude for MCRT Stewards**

Wachusett town Departments of Public Works and WG volunteers mowed trail shoulders to maintain the MCRT. WG trail patrollers removed parking lot litter, checked portable toilets, and removed downed branches. WG trail volunteers removed dead trees and cleaned drainage ditches. WG also hired snowplowing for the River Street, Holden, parking lot.

### **Reaching Out**

WG volunteers participated in the Moving Together Mass DOT conference in Boston, the biannual MassTrails conference in Leominster, and the annual Mass Land Trust Conference in Worcester. WG also participated in UMass Med School's Earthday Celebration, Sterling Celebrates! and Holden Days. Greenways directors continued to collaborate with other Commonwealth groups working on rail trails. Greenways held hospitality days at the MCRT, welcoming new members and volunteers.

### **21 Miles Road Rutland**

Greenways kept tools here for trail maintenance and tended the vegetable garden shared by volunteers and visitors. Doug Hagman Landscaping generously donated mowing and leaf removal. Sentry Oil contributed heating oil.

### **Outdoor Events**

WG provided outdoor events each month. Volunteers led walks, bicycling, canoeing and other outdoor adventures.

### **Saying Goodbye**

Two amazing Greenways friends passed away in 2019. On February 19, Ruth Spaulding passed away. Ruth was the Springdale Mill Committee Chairman who led the annual September celebration at the mill site and rallied her whole family to help. She offered warmth and

hospitality to all, and she is greatly missed. On December 12, Ed Yaglou passed away. Ed led the way to connecting our community with trails for more than two decades. He envisioned the Mass Central Rail Trail, led the MCRT Task Force and created the MCRT logo now being used across the state. Ed encouraged others to serve and to lead. The Edward P. Yaglou MCRT Stewardship Fund is now established in honor of his special way of helping to sustain a community.

**Every Member and Volunteer Counts!**

You are invited to contribute at [www.wachusettgreenways.org](http://www.wachusettgreenways.org) or by mail at Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520. A gift in *any* amount counts you as a member, and you will receive the *Wachusett Greenways* guide, which includes a map for the regions' trails and greenways. Volunteers welcome.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors:

Colleen Abrams, Chair	Troy Milliken, Treasurer
Christy Barnes	Michael Peckar, Secretary
Richard Barry	Christopher Ryan
Stephen Chanis	



## *TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS*



**TOWN OF PAXTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 30, 2018**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:25P.M.  
MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 55 REGISTERED VOTERS  
WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.**

**Counters for the Special Town Meeting were Kathryn Kingsbury and Mary Ann Paquette.** As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Special Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Moderator or seven or more voters in attendance.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.**

The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommended approval for all the following articles moved unless noted under the article motion.

**Article 1. Capital Depreciation Fund** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 and transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$34,000 to the Capital Depreciation Fund, or act in any way thereon.  
Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 1** was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 and transfer from free cash the sum of \$34,000 to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.**

**Article 2. OPEB Fund** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$34,000 to the OPEB Fund (Other Post-Employment Benefits), or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 2** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town transfer from free cash the sum of \$34,000 to the OPEB Fund (Other Post-Employment Benefits). The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**A Hand Count was taken. The vote was Yes: 27; No: 21. Motion was made for a private vote, which the Moderator declared was not passed. A motion for reconsideration was made which the Moderator declared was passed. The hand count was Yes: 29; No: 20.**

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.**

**Article 3. Stabilization Fund** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$34,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon. Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 3** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$34,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.**

**Article 4. Stormwater** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assist with the work required to comply with the Town's stormwater permitting, or act in any way thereon.

**Article 4** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assist with the work required to comply with the Town's storm water permitting. Motion was seconded by John Malone.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED**

**Article 5. Town Hall Painting and Repair** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$25,626 for repairs to the handicapped accessible ramp at the Town Hall; or act in way thereon.

**Article 5** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,626 for repairs to the handicapped accessible ramp at the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.**

**Article 6. Holden Road Easement** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, a permanent 799sq. ft. easement on the property at 118 Holden Road for the purposes of a drainage easement required as part of the pavement project for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled "Holden Road" prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. dated September 21, 2018 on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours; and **further, to transfer a sum of money from available funds** including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the costs associated with said acquisition of easement, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 6** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, a permanent 799 square foot easement on the property at 118 Holden Road for the purposes of a drainage easement

required as part of the pavement project for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled "Holden Road" prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. dated September 21, 2018 on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours; and further, to transfer the sum of \$1,700 from Chapter 90 Road Resurfacing funds, for the costs associated with said acquisition of easement, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE.**

**Article 7. Marijuana Moratorium** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.3.15.3 of the Paxton Zoning Bylaws for the Temporary Marijuana Moratorium for Recreational Marijuana Establishments by changing the date of the moratorium from December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. A copy of the revised bylaw is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours, or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board.

**Article 7** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to amend Section 3.3.15.3 of the Paxton Zoning Bylaws for the Temporary Marijuana Moratorium for Recreational Marijuana Establishments by changing the date of the moratorium from December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in accordance with a copy of the revised bylaw on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY.**

**Article 8. Town Land Sales** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of the following parcels of land for the board or officer that currently has custody of said parcels to the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said parcels of land, pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 30B, such land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purposes, upon such terms and conditions and minimum amounts as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town; or act in any way thereon. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**Article 8** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of the parcels of land identified in Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant from the board or officer that currently has custody of said parcels to the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said parcels of land, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B, such land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purposes, upon such terms and conditions and minimum amounts as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE.**

**Article 9. Town Land Sales Fees** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to pay for fees and services associated with the selling of Town Owned Land or act in any way thereon.

**Article 9** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to pay for fees and services associated with the selling of Town Owned Land. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.**

**Article 10 M.G.L Chapter 54 Section 16A** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 54 Section 16A for the purpose of allowing the Town Clerk to appoint a warden, clerk, inspector, or deputy of any such office if for any reason such position is not present at the opening of the polls on the day of any given election; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Town Clerk.

**Article 10** was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, Section 16A for the purpose of allowing the Town Clerk to appoint a warden, clerk, inspector, or deputy of any such office if for any reason such position is not present at the opening of the polls on the day of any given election. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.**

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS DISSOLVED.**

Moderator: Roger Brunelle  
Submitted by:  
Susan Stone,  
Town Clerk

On May 22, 2019, the Attorney General DISAPPROVED Special Town Meeting of October 30, 2018 Warrant Article #7 (Zoning) Case #9240. More information regarding this decision can be found on the Attorney General's webpage.





TOWN OF PAXTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm. The Moderator declared that a quorum was present. 148 registered voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The return of the warrant showed that it had been properly posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Annual Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Town Moderator made a short announcement that as of the close of this Town Meeting there will be four vacancies on the Finance Committee. He requested that anyone interested in applying for one of the available positions should contact him directly by phone or email.

**Article 1 – Water Department Receipts** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees, or water charges, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise, as follows:

Compensation	\$181,189
Expenses	\$772,421
Debt	\$96,913
Total	\$1,050,523

and that \$1,050,523 is raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$1,050,523
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Or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise.

Compensation	\$181,189
Expenses	\$772,421
Debt	\$96,913
Total	\$1,050,523

and that \$1,050,523 be raised as follows:

From Water Department receipts	\$1,050,523.
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The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 2 – OPEB Account** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the OPEB Trust Account (Other Post-Employment Benefits); or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00 to the OPEB Account (Other Post-Employment Benefits).

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended that no action be taken on this article.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 3 – OPEB Account** To see if the Town will vote to transfer in accordance with Chapter 32B Section 20(h), of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$34,000, or any other sum, from the OPEB Trust Account to pay for the costs of retirees' health insurance, account 0100-1910-5208-00; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$34,000 from the OPEB Trust Account to pay the costs for retirees' health insurance, account 0100-1910-5208-00.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval with a split vote of 4 to 1.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION FAILED FOR WANT OF A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 4 – Stabilization Fund** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town transfer from available funds \$0.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended taking no action.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 5 – Capital Depreciation** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00, or any other sum, to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00 to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended taking no action.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 6 – Chapter 90** To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen and D.P.W. Superintendent.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 7 – Revolving Accounts** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 §53E½ as most recently amended, to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2020 for all revolving funds as accepted at the May 7, 2018 Annual Town Meeting and included in the Town of Paxton’s General Bylaws, as set forth below:

Council on Aging	\$25,000
Recreation	\$120,000
Library	\$20,000
Paxton Days	\$5,000

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended, to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2020, for all revolving accounts as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the Town of Paxton’s General Bylaws, in the following amounts:

Council on Aging	\$25,000
Recreation	\$120,000
Library	\$20,000
Paxton Days	\$5,000

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 8 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,690 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,690 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 9 – Use funds from the Road Improvement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,690 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$107,690 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 10 – Ambulance Replacement** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a ten year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new ambulance to replace the existing 2008 Ford Lifeline ambulance for the Fire Department in the amount of \$285,000, with a first year lease payment of \$35,102, and the remaining nine annual payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the Fire Department budget and Holden Hospital Funds; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a ten year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new ambulance to replace the existing 2008 Ford Lifeline ambulance for the Fire Department in the amount of \$285,000, with a first year lease payment of \$35,102, and the remaining nine annual payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the Fire Department budget and Holden Hospital Funds.

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 11 – DPW Facility** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000, or any other sum, to conduct a site Plan and Initial design (Phase One) of a new Department of Public Works Facility; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$150,000 to conduct a site Plan and Initial Design (Phase One) of a new Department of Public Works Facility.

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 12 – DPW Roof Replacement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$42,000, or any other sum, to replace the existing roof at the Department of Public Works Facility; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town raise and appropriate from the Capital Depreciation Fund the sum of \$42,000 to repair or replace the existing roof at the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 13 – Council on Aging Heating Boiler Replacement** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,000, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace the existing heating boiler in the John Bauer Senior Center; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town transfer from the Capital Depreciation Fund the sum of \$17,000 to replace the existing heating boiler in the John Bauer Senior Center.

The motion was seconded.  
The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 14 – Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$900,000, or any other sum, to replace the Fire Department’s 2002 KME Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.  
Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Richard Fenton moved that the town borrow the sum of \$900,000 to replace the Fire Department’s 2002 KME Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck and to meet set appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other authority, to borrow up to the sum of said appropriation, provided that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the cost of issuance of said bonds and notes may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay for said purchase by the like amount; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Discussion ensued. Glenn Sullivan of 92 Richards Avenue made a motion to move the question.

The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared the motion to move the question passed by more than a 2/3 majority.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3’S MAJORITY.**

**Article 15 - Police Cruisers** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C, of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a three year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring three police cruisers to replace existing vehicles (2013 Ford Utility, Taurus, & Fusion) for the Police Department in the amount of \$99,000, with a first year lease payment of \$33,000 and the remaining two annual payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the police budget; with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be applied towards the annual lease; or act any way thereon.  
Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C, of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a three year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring three police cruisers to replace existing vehicles (2013 Ford Utility, Taurus & Fusion) for the Police Department in the amount of \$99,000, with a first year lease payment of \$33,000 and the remaining two annual payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the police budget; with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be applied to towards the annual lease.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 16 - Water Main Engineering Study** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000 or any other sum, from the Water Enterprise Funds for the purpose of completing a water main engineering study of West Street (Town Center to South Street); or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town take no action on article 16.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended the Town take no action.

The Finance Committee recommended the Town take no action.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 17 – Capital Equipment and Building Needs Assessment** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to hire an independent company to conduct a Capital Asset Needs Study on all departmental capital items with a replacement cost of over \$10,000 and all Town buildings. Furthermore, the audit report would contain findings and recommendation which the Board of Selectmen would be required to present in an open meeting within four weeks of delivery of the report by the audit firm; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town take no action on article 17.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended the Town take no action.

The Finance Committee recommended the Town take no action.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Article 18 - Citizens Petition for an Operation Audit** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to conduct a full operational audit of the Town of Paxton Public Safety functions by an outside audit agency that specializes in municipal audits; or act in any way thereon. Furthermore, the audit report would contain findings and recommendation which the Board of Selectmen would be required to present in an open meeting within four weeks of delivery of the report by the audit firm.

Article submitted by a Citizens Petition.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to conduct a full operational audit of the Town of Paxton Public Safety functions by an outside audit agency that specializes in municipal audits. Furthermore, the audit report would contain findings and recommendation which the Board of Selectmen would be required to present in an open meeting within four weeks of delivery of the report by the audit firm.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval by split vote. Four voted for disapproval and one abstained.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION DID NOT PASS.**

**Article 19 – Stormwater Bylaw** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stormwater Bylaw, as shown in the document entitled “Stormwater Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to amend the Stormwater Bylaw, as shown in the document entitled “Stormwater Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 20 – Marijuana Bylaw** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow adult use marijuana establishments, including retailers, cultivators, product manufacturers, and independent testing laboratories, by special permit in the Business Zoning District, as shown in the document entitled “Marijuana Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Planning Board.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow adult use marijuana establishments, including retailers, cultivators, product manufacturers, and independent testing laboratories, by special permit in the Business Zoning District, as shown in the document entitled “Marijuana Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3’S MAJORITY.**

**Article 21 – Wachusett Greenways** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000, or any other sum, to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, an eight-town collaborative, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Wachusett Greenways.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.



**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 22 – Water Tank** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds in the sum of \$0.00, or any other sum, from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund to make repairs to the water tank on Asnebumskit Road; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commission.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 40, Sections 61 through 69, of the Massachusetts General Laws, to enter into a fifteen year contract, with an option to extend for an additional five years, for the inspection, maintenance, repair or modification of the Asnebumskit Road Water Storage Tank, and to appropriate the sum of \$105,672 from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund for the first year of the contract.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 23 – Town Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,880,835 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$346,101 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$552,481 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$6,787,115 or any other sum, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, and especially for any and all the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,880,835, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$346,101, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$552,481, for a total appropriation of \$6,787,115 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, excluding schools.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,062,985 for the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum \$2,263,759 for the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum \$938,522 for the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$289,548 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$73,678 for the Human Services Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$220,414 for the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$182,290 for the Central Purchasing Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$755,919 for the Debt Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,787,115 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant, subject, however, to any amendments to the said budget summary, which have been approved in this Meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 24 - WRSD Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,553,275 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Wachusett School Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,553,275 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval through split vote of 4 to 1.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 25 - Bay Path Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$233,119 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Bay Path School Committee.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$233,199 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 26 – Out of District Student Expenses** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,509 to pay the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocation Tuition Assessment and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,300 for the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Transportation; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,509 to pay the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocation Tuition Assessment and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,300 for the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Transportation.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval by a 4 to 1 vote.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

Peter Bogren, Jr. made a motion to dissolve.

The motion was seconded.

**The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 9:10 pm.**

Roger J. Brunelle, Town Moderator

Laurie Becker, Town Clerk

On May 22, 2019, the Attorney General APPROVED Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2019 Warrant Article #19 (General) and #20 (Zoning). Article 19's Stormwater Bylaw went into effect on May 23rd, 2019 per MGL c.40 §32. Article 20's Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Bylaw went into effect retroactive on May 6, 2019.

**TOWN OF PAXTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**WORCESTER SS:**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town

of Paxton who are qualified to vote in the election to vote at:

**PRECINCT 1  
PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
19 WEST STREET**

On **Monday**, the **THIRTEENTH DAY of MAY 2019** from **10:00AM** to **8:00PM** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the annual election for the candidates for the following offices and on the following question:

<b>Selectboard (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Assessor (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Municipal Light Board (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Municipal Light Board (1)</b>	<b>One Year</b>
<b>Water Board (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Planning Board (1)</b>	<b>Five Years</b>
<b>Planning Board (1)</b>	<b>Two Years</b>
<b>Board of Health (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Cemetery Commission (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Library Trustee (2)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Recreation Commission (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Wachusett Regional School District Committee</b>	<b>(1) Two Years</b>
<b>Wachusett Regional School District Committee</b>	<b>(1) One Year</b>
<b>Southern Worcester County Regional (1)</b>	<b>Three Years</b>
<b>Vocational School Committee</b>	

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new Aerial Ladder Truck for the Fire Department?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Hereof, fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of April 2019.

**Town of Paxton  
Annual Town Election  
May 13, 2019  
Official Results**

<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>3 Years</b>		<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	
Peter Bogren, Jr.	355		Christopher Stone	384	
Blanks	106		Blanks	88	
Write-ins	11		Write-ins	0	
<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>3 Years</b>		<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 2)</b>
Kateri M. Clute	363		Aimee Brunelle	346	
Blanks	109		Karen Hadlock Putney	338	
Write-ins	0		Blanks	260	
			Write-Ins	0	
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD</b>	<b>3 Years</b>		<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	
Emerson W. Wheeler, III	362		Blanks	449	
Blanks	109		Write-Ins (Total)	23	
Write-ins	1		Charles G. Putney	4	
			All Other	19	
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD</b>	<b>1 Year</b>				
Michael J. Benoit	368		<b>WRSD COMMITTEE</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	
Blanks	104		Benjamin F. Mitchel	358	
Write-ins	0		Blanks	112	
			Write-Ins	2	
<b>WATER BOARD</b>	<b>3 Years</b>		<b>WRSD COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	
Rodney Jenkins	363		Karl Ottmar	351	
Blanks	109		Blanks	120	
Write-ins	0		Write-Ins	1	
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>5 Years</b>		<b>S. WORC COUNTY REG.</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	
Henry B. Stidsen, Jr.	361		<b>VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		
Blanks	109		Peter M. Schur	366	
Write-ins	2		Blanks	105	
			Write-Ins	1	
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>2 Years</b>		<b>Question 1</b>		
Robert Pelczarski	351		Yes	204	
Blanks	114		No	263	
Write-ins	7		Blanks	5	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	<b>3 Years</b>				
Julia N. Pingitore	351				
Blanks	116				
Write-ins	5				



# *TOWN CLERK*

**TOWN CLERK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

**VITAL STATISTICS REPORT**

	<u>7/1/18-12/31/18</u>	<u>1/1/19-6/30/19</u>	<u>FY19 Total</u>
Births	19	22	41
Adoptions	0	1	1
Marriages	17	5	22
Deaths	13	18	31
Burial Permits	3	7	10

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

	<u>7/1/18-12/31/18</u>	<u>1/1/19-6/30/19</u>	<u>FY19 Total</u>
Male/Female (unaltered):	13	73	86
Neutered/Spayed:	41	672	713
Total Dogs Licensed:	54	745	799
Kennel Licenses:	0	2	2
Service Dogs:	0	1	1
No fee licenses issued (MGL c140 §139c):	2	0	2
Transferred from another town midyear:	2	0	2

**BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED/RENEWED**

	<u>7/1/18-12/31/18</u>	<u>1/1/19-6/30/19</u>	<u>FY19 Total</u>
New	6	3	9
Renewal	3	8	11
Total DBAs Issued	9	11	20

Amount Paid to General Fund:	Town Clerk Fees	-	\$2,315.00
	Dog License Fees	-	\$11,378.00
	Animal Control Officer Fines	-	\$50.00
	Total	-	\$13,743.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Becker, Town Clerk



**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY19**

The Board of Registrars held new voter registration during the year as required by law.

**Registered Voters as of June 30, 2019**

<u>Party Enrollment / Political Designation</u>		<u>Percentage of Total Voters</u>
A – Conservative:	4	0.12%
CC – United Independent Party:	22	0.67%
D – Democrat:	723	22.06%
H – We the People:	1	0.03%
J – Green Rainbow:	3	0.09%
L – Libertarian:	14	0.43%
O – MA Independent Party:	2	0.06%
Q – American Independent:	1	0.03%
R – Republican:	442	13.49%
T – Inter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party:	1	0.03%
U – Unenrolled:	2064	62.98%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3277</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Voting was held at the Paxton Center School which is handicap accessible. Town Hall is also handicap accessible for Voter Registration and Early Voting.

Residents who are 16 or 17 years old may pre-register to vote. They will automatically be registered to vote when they turn 18.

**Population as of June 30, 2019**

Voters: 3,277

Non-Voters: 1,541

Total Residents: 4,818

**Board of Registrars Members**

Susan Stone, Town Clerk	7/1/2018-12/14/2018
Laurie Becker, Town Clerk	12/14/2018-6/30/2019
Mary Ann Paquette	7/1/2018-12/14/2018
Scott Dziewietin	2/20/2019-6/30/2019
Jeremy Richards	7/1/2018-6/30/2019
David Stoica	7/1/2018-6/30/2019

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Becker, Board of Registrars Member



# *TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**Combined Balance Sheet  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-term Debt	Total (Memorandum)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,432,552	1,357,233	10,920	2,862,083	1,323,111		6,985,899
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	495,584						495,584
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	(151,754)						(151,754)
Other Receivables	70,980	420,236		275,363			766,579
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations						6,080,353	6,080,353
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,363</b>	<b>\$ 1,777,469</b>	<b>\$ 10,920</b>	<b>\$ 3,137,446</b>	<b>\$ 1,323,111</b>	<b>\$ 6,080,353</b>	<b>\$ 14,176,661</b>
Warrants & Accounts Payable	317,560	57,721		140,832			516,113
Other Liabilities	19,186						19,186
Deferred Revenue:							
Property & Excise Taxes	343,830						343,830
Other Departmental	19,351	420,236		275,363			714,950
Bonds Payable						6,080,353	6,080,353
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 699,928</b>	<b>\$ 477,957</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 416,195</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,080,353</b>	<b>\$ 7,674,433</b>
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	80,714			26,027			106,741
Reserved for Expenditures	552,481						552,481
Other Reserves	1,454						1,454
Unreserved Retained Earnings				2,695,223			2,695,223
Undesignated Fund Balance	512,786	1,299,512	10,920		1,323,111		3,146,329
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,435</b>	<b>\$ 1,299,512</b>	<b>\$ 10,920</b>	<b>\$ 2,721,251</b>	<b>\$ 1,323,111</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,502,228</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,363</b>	<b>\$ 1,777,469</b>	<b>\$ 10,920</b>	<b>\$ 3,137,446</b>	<b>\$ 1,323,111</b>	<b>\$ 6,080,353</b>	<b>\$ 14,176,661</b>

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
As of June 30, 2019**

F/B - AMB REC RESERVED	378,701
F/B - SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	164,241
F/B - P.C.S. SEPTIC REPLACEMENT	6,585
F/B - DPU/TNC FUNDING	372
F/B - TITLE V LOAN PROGRAMS	163,779
F/B - INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	33
F/B - AMC FUNDS	6,484
F/B - POLICE ROAD DETAILS	(15,387)
F/B - FIREARMS LICENSING	3,400
F/B - FIRE DETAILS	1,942
F/B - POLICE GIFTS & DONATIONS	62,753
F/B - EMD DONATIONS	293
F/B - FIRE GIFTS & DONATIONS	23,873
F/B - AMBULANCE DONATION/GIFTS	2,488
F/B - HISTORICAL GIFT & DONATIONS	5,048
F/B - COA GIFTS & DONATIONS	16,256
F/B - LIBRARY DONATIONS	279
F/B - 250th ANNIVERSARY	225
F/B - RECREATION 53D FUND	9,631
F/B - PAXTON DAYS 53e1/2	562
F/B - COA 53E 1/2 REVOLVING	4,860
F/B - LIBRARY 53E 1/2 REVOLVING	4,501
F/B - RECREATION 53E 1/2 REVOLVING	117,567
F/B - CONSERVATION WETLAND PROTECTION	30,476
F/B - CABLE ACCESS FUND	293,053
F/B - COMMUNITY COMPACT	25,183
F/B - S.E.T.B GRANT	469
F/B - BULLET PROOF VEST	(2,700)
F/B - FIRE SAFETY GRANT	1,819
F/B - HWY CHAPTER 90	(26,750)
F/B - CULTURAL GRANT	2,374
F/B - LIBRARY STATE GRANT	13,991
F/B - BOH STATE GRANT	3,114

<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>
F/B - CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	131,872	3,383
F/B - VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT	1,000	1,688
F/B - D. RUSSELL POOR	7,675	10,628
F/B - C.D. BOYNTON	1,000	65,791
F/B - BIGELOW SCHOOL BOOK	1,000	545
F/B - HOWLAND LIBRARY	10,026	15,733
F/B - RICHARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	172,683	71,641
F/B - E. BIGELOW LIBRARY	63,490	1,635
F/B - HAZEL GAY LIBRARY	393	235
F/B - AT&T & LUCENT LIBRARY	522	10,149
F/B - WAR BOND TRUSTS		6,796
F/B - CONSERVATION TRUST		18,291
F/B - STABILIZATION FUND		442,893
F/B - CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND		169,729
F/B - OPEB TRUST FUND		34,797

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Appropriation / Expenditure Report**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2020	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
SALARIES	5,485	(5,485)		-
ADMIN ASSIT. SECRETARY	47,502	(47,502)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,716	(9,962)		754
SUPPLIES	500	(468)		32
OTHER EXPENSES	18,666	(18,312)		354
TOWN LAND SELLING FEES	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
SALARY	86,532	(86,532)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,000	(869)		131
CAR ALLOWANCE	1,500	(1,500)		-
SUPPLIES	100	(16)		84
<u>TOWN SERVICE COORDINATOR</u>				
SALARY	31,996	(31,981)		15
PURCHASED SERVICES	2,040	(336)		1,704
SUPPLIES	603	(382)		221
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	260	(160)		100
SUPPLIES	15	-		15
RESERVE FUND	18,655	-		18,655
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
SALARY	33,244	(28,228)		5,016
PURCHASED SERVICES	615	(615)		-
SUPPLIES	370	(363)		7
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
BOARD SALARY (3)	4,866	(4,866)		-
ADM. ASSESSOR	45,430	(45,430)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,460	(3,450)		10
SUPPLIES	430	(190)		240
OTHER EXPENSES	7,740	(7,740)		-
<u>TREASURER/ COLLECTOR</u>				
SALARY	58,458	(56,458)		2,000
ASSISTANT WAGES	12,891	(10,910)		1,981
PURCHASED SERVICES	13,500	(12,494)		1,006
SUPPLIES	1,325	(761)		564
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
LEGAL SERVICES	25,000	(20,927)		4,073
TAX TITLE LEGAL FEES	5,000	(865)		4,135
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
COMPENSATION	25,000	(25,000)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	35,156	(35,151)		4
EQUIPMENT				-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2020	Closed to Surplus
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
SALARY	40,850	(40,514)		336
RECORD KEEPING	90	(90)		-
ASSISTANT	8,092	(7,618)		474
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,950	(1,454)		496
SUPPLIES	2,450	(2,396)		54
OTHER EXPENSES	500	(173)		327
ELECTION TELLERS	7,750	(4,635)		3,115
ELECTIONS- PURCH SERV	10,350	(8,142)		2,208
ELECTIONS SUPPLIES	7,500	(2,745)		4,755
REGISTRARS SALARY	1,700	(1,676)		24
REGISTRARS CLERK	250	(250)		-
REGISTRARS CENSUS TAKER	500	(500)		-
REGISTRARS PURCH SERV	900	(183)		717
REGISTRARS SUPPLIES	850	(805)		45
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
CLERK	5,806	(5,806)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,210	(966)		244
CONFERENCES	250	-		250
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,343	(1,343)		-
HISTORICAL DIST PURCH SERV	200	-		200
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	33,375	(30,042)		3,333
SUPPLIES	1,900	(1,856)		44
TOWN HALL EXTERIOR REPAIR	25,626	-	(25,626)	-
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	118,295	(111,098)		7,197
TOWN REPORTS PURCH SERV	990	(988)		2
TOWN CLOCK PURCH SERV	360	(360)		-
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY-CHIEF	104,875	(104,875)		-
COMPENSATION	909,340	(895,287)		14,053
PURCHASED SERVICES	52,178	(52,170)		8
SUPPLIES	67,150	(66,644)		506
DUES	1,650	(1,650)		-
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY CHIEF	41,902	(41,902)		-
COMPENSATION	218,423	(215,443)		2,980
PURCHASED SERVICES	36,491	(36,463)		28
EQUIPMENT	22,500	(22,479)		21
<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</u>				
COMPENSATION	522,407	(519,519)		2,888
PURCHASED SERVICES	39,375	(39,375)		-
SUPPLIES	37,550	(36,649)	(862)	39

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2020	Closed to Surplus
<u>INSPECTORS</u>				
BUILDING COMPENSATION	26,507	(26,507)		-
BUILDING LOCAL INSPECTOR	2,375	(1,925)		450
BUILDING PURCHASED SERV	250	-		250
PLUMBING COMPENSATION	4,000	(3,220)		780
PLUMBING COMP - ENCUMBRANCE	875	(875)		-
WIRING COMPENSATION	5,150	(5,150)		-
WIRING ASSISTANT	400	(400)		-
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	43,735	(41,304)		2,431
SUPPLIES	2,500	(2,477)		23
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
COMPENSATION	6,699	(6,699)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	2,500	(2,490)		10
SUPPLIES	500	(394)		106
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
COMPENSATION	8,026	(8,026)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,780	(855)		925
SUPPLIES	9,675	(9,540)		135
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>				
SALARY/HIRE	1,352	(1,352)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	8,864	(8,864)		-
SUPPLIES	50	-		50
TREES	1,000	-		1,000
<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
WRSD ASSESSMENT	6,313,461	(6,313,461)		-
PCS PARKING LOT REPAIRS	4,850	(4,850)		-
VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	208,639	(207,454)		1,185
NORFOLK TUITION	22,286	(22,286)		-
NORFOLK TRANSPORTATION	32,670	(31,146)		1,524
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	75,019	(75,019)		-
COMPENSATION	327,573	(292,908)		34,664
PURCHASED SERVICES	166,338	(138,643)	(27,078)	617
SUPPLIES	37,202	(36,489)	(550)	164
EQUIPMENT LEASES	41,028	(41,028)		-
STORM WATER PERMITTING CONSULTANT	20,000	(14,595)	(5,405)	-
ROAD SURFACING	105,062	(88,870)	(16,192)	-
DPW ENCUMBRANCE	31.37	(31)		-
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME	45,727	(45,727)		-
SNOW REMOVAL - SALT & SAND	130,287	(130,287)		-
SNOW REMOVAL - EQUIPMENT	6,050	(6,050)		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2020	Closed to Surplus
STREET LIGHTS ELECTRICITY	20,305	(20,305)		-
<u>WASTE COLLECTIONS</u>				
CONTRACT	254,470	(247,886)		6,584
WASTE COLLECTIONS ENCUMBRANCE	100	(100)		-
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
SALARY	3,090	(3,090)		-
COMPENSATION	4,802	(1,411)		3,391
PURCHASED SERVICES	930	(780)		150
SUPPLIES	1,379	(1,379)		-
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
SALARY	393	(393)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,500	(1,390)		2,110
SUPPLIES	188	(119)		69
SANITATION ENGINEER COMPENSATION	11,909	(11,909)		-
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	524	(524)		-
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
DIRECTOR	24,413	(24,338)		75
VAN DRIVERS	19,774	(15,398)		4,376
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	5,904	(4,180)		1,724
PURCHASED SERVICES	4,200	(4,163)		37
SUPPLIES	4,000	(4,000)		-
OTHER EXPENSES	1,190	(980)		210
COA VAN PURCHASE	22,000	(22,000)		-
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
SALARY	1,019	(1,019)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	100	-		100
BENEFITS	9,300	(9,094)		206
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	52,304	(52,304)		-
COMPENSATION	38,819	(34,104)		4,715
CHILDRENS LIBRARIAN	39,270	(36,362)		2,908
PURCHASED SERVICES	12,237	(9,877)		2,360
SUPPLIES	38,249	(38,041)		208
LIBRARY ENCUMBRANCES	433.50	(434)		-
<u>RECREATION</u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	21,041	(21,041)		-
ADM. ASSISTANT	2,240	(2,240)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,000	(5,000)		-
SUPPLIES	2,000	(2,000)		-
<u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	(300)		-
OTHER EXPENSES	100	(100)		-



	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2020	Closed to Surplus
<b><u>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</u></b>				
<b><u>PRINCIPAL</u></b>				
PCS SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION	330,000	(330,000)		-
SCHOOL WINDOWS	6,000	(6,000)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	2,200	(2,200)		-
DPW DUMP TRUCK	25,000	(25,000)		-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	366,800	(366,800)		-
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	67,000	(67,000)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	23,000	(23,000)		-
AMB & DUMP TRUCK	55,000	(55,000)		-
TITLE V BETTERMENT REPAYMENT	7,698	(7,697)		1
<b><u>INTEREST</u></b>				
PCS SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION	15,345	(15,345)		-
SCHOOL WINDOWS	2,085	(2,085)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	867	(866)		1
DPW DUMP TRUCK	1,250	(1,250)		-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	201,936	(201,935)		1
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	9,842	(9,842)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	2,553	(2,553)		-
AMBULANCE & DUMP TRUCK	4,785	(4,785)		-
SHORT TERM INTEREST	3,500	(2,456)		1,044
<b><u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u></b>				
RETIRED TEACHERS HEALTH INSURANCE	12,717	(12,717)		-
AIR POLLUTION	1,320	(1,320)		-
REGISTRY- NON-RENEWAL	2,780	(2,780)		-
MBTA	24,189	(24,189)		-
REGIONAL TRANSIT CHARGE	8,432	(8,432)		-
<b><u>TRANSFERS</u></b>				
TO STABILIZATION FUND	34,000	(34,000)		-
TO CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND	134,000	(134,000)		-
TO OPEB TRUST	34,000	(34,000)		-
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>				
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	51,005	(46,630)		4,375
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	625,801	(555,330)		70,471
LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,700	(1,266)		434
INSURANCE DEDUCT.FOR PREMIUMS	8,500	(837)		7,663
RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	451,309	(451,309)		-
<b><u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u></b>				
HEAT OIL	51,266	(49,608)		1,658
POSTAGE	7,000	(5,516)		1,484
TELEPHONE	15,500	(14,154)		1,346
ELECTRICITY	66,694	(63,246)		3,448
DIESEL	38,057	(33,018)		5,039
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 13,791,059</b>	<b>\$ (13,454,399)</b>	<b>\$ (80,714)</b>	<b>\$ 255,946</b>

**WATER ENTRPRISE**  
**Appropriation / Expenditure Report**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2020	Closed to Surplus
COMPENSATION	165,309	(160,348)		4,961
EXPENSES	763,382	(737,355)	(26,027)	-
DEBT	111,076	(111,062)		14
PICKUP TRUCK LEASE	11,169	(10,974)		195
ENCUMBRANCES	27,193	(27,193)		-
<b>WATER FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,078,129</b>	<b>\$ (1,046,931)</b>	<b>\$ (26,027)</b>	<b>\$ 5,171</b>



*BOARD of ASSESSORS*

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY19**

After a state mandated interim update, based on sales in 2017, the total taxable

Valuation as of January 1, 2018 for Fiscal Year 2019 was set at \$558,592,532.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2018 were \$7,559,615.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements had a total valuation of \$298,100.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$615,114.

The Board received 10 abatement requests of which 6 were approved and processed.

The Assessor's office is open Monday & Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00 by appointment. The Board of Assessor's meets to review abatement requests and review any pertinent information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M Stanley, MAA, Administrative Assessor

**Board of Assessors**

**Table 1**

**Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary**

	<b><u>FY2019</u></b>	<b><u>FY2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY2017</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Appropriations to be Raised	\$13,062,613.00	\$12,309,509.00	\$11,912,531.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$782,630.00	\$934,082.00	\$572,416.00
Offset Items/Enterprise	\$1,050,936.00	\$1,105,445.00	\$923,598.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$49,438.00	\$49,615.00	\$36,195.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$88,652.48	\$60,488.99	\$103,087.21
Cherry Sheet Offset, other Deficits	\$7,008.00	\$6,776.00	\$6,694.00
Final Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$0.00	\$25,000.22	\$0.00
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$15,041,277.48	\$14,490,916.21	\$13,554,521.21
<b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$1,019,987.00	\$1,005,059.00	\$982,140.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$717,270.27	\$694,736.20	\$665,601.35
Water Department	\$1,050,936.00	\$1,105,445.00	\$923,598.00
Other Local Receipts	\$443,829.73	\$374,263.80	\$478,526.65
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$351,720.00	\$395,384.00	\$114,318.00
Available Funds - Other	\$430,910.00	\$538,698.00	\$458,098.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$4,014,653.00	\$4,113,586.00	\$3,622,282.00
Net Amount to be Raised	\$11,026,624.48	\$10,377,330.21	\$9,932,239.21
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$11,030,580.00	\$10,377,896.00	\$9,938,319.00
<b><u>Valuations</u></b>			
Real Estate	\$548,436,184.00	\$499,016,014.00	\$477,804,637.00
Personal Property	\$10,156,748.00	\$8,929,664.00	\$9,308,615.00
Total Taxable Property	\$558,592,932.00	\$507,945,678.00	\$487,113,252.00
<b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>			
Residential	\$19.74	\$20.43	\$20.39
Open Space	\$19.74	\$20.43	\$20.39
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$19.74	\$20.43	\$20.39

**Board of Assessors**

**Table II**

**Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

	<b><u>FY2019</u></b>		<b><u>FY2018</u></b>		<b><u>FY2017</u></b>	
	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b><u>Exemptions</u></b>						
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17D: Widows	1	\$175.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Clause 22E	8	\$8,000.00	7	\$7,000.00	5	\$5,000.00
Clause 22: Veterans	20	\$8,000.00	16	\$6,400.00	17	\$6,800.00
Clause 37: Blind	1	\$437.50	1	\$437.50	1	\$437.50
Clause 41: Elderly	3	\$2,250.00	6	\$4,500.00	6	\$4,500.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	2	\$14,112.12	1	\$8,455.98	1	\$7,687.03
Totals	36	\$33,724.62	32	\$27,543.48	31	\$25,174.53
<b><u>Abatements</u></b>						
Real Estate	9	\$20,582.82	7	\$4,067.61	7	\$4,693.78
Personal Property	2	\$431.66	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	198	\$21,069.80	200	\$21,318.69	194	\$20,521.60
Total	209	\$42,084.28	207	\$25,386.30	201	\$25,215.38
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u></b>						
Bills Processed	5359	\$717,270.27	5315	\$694,736.20	5238	\$665,601.35
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$696,200.47		\$673,417.51		\$645,079.75

**Board of Assessors**

**Table III**

**Property Classification**

	<b><u>FY2019</u></b>	<b><u>FY2018</u></b>	<b><u>Increase/ Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Residential	\$532,329,184.00	\$483,770,766.00	\$48,558,418.00	9.1%
Commercial	\$10,739,700.00	\$9,989,948.00	\$749,752.00	7.0%
Industrial	\$5,367,300.00	\$5,255,300.00	\$112,000.00	2.1%
Personal Property	\$10,156,748.00	\$8,929,664.00	\$1,227,084.00	12.1%
Total Taxable Proper	\$558,592,932.00	\$507,945,678.00	\$50,647,254.00	10.0%
Exempt Property	\$76,744,100.00	\$75,865,300.00	\$878,800.00	1.1%
Total Valuation	\$635,337,032.00	\$583,810,978.00	\$51,526,054.00	8.8%



*TREASURER/COLLECTOR*



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER / COLLECTOR

## SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS

**Cash and Equivalents:**

Petty Cash	300.00	
Country Bank	340,902.39	
Century Bank	142,558.61	
Eastern Bank	1,184.56	
Easthampton Bank	2,833,903.77	
Rollstone	1,125,991.46	
Unibank	1,133,556.73	5,578,397.52

**Investments:**

Bank of America	172,683.15	
Bartholomew - Commonwealth Financial Network		
Trust Funds	1,200,021.17	
OPEB Funds	34,796.85	1,407,501.17

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Total Cash and Investments as of June 30, 2019	\$	6,985,898.69
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## SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL	MARKET VALUE EXPENDABLE
<i>Cemetery Funds:</i>		
Non-Expendable Perpetual Care	\$131,421.99	
Expendable Perpetual Care		\$3,663.13
Sale of Lots		\$164,016.08
<i>Stabilization Funds:</i>		
General Stabilization		\$442,893.02
Capital Stabilization		\$169,729.20
OPEB Fund		\$34,796.85
<i>Miscellaneous Trusts:</i>		
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	\$1,000.00	\$65,788.03
D. Russell Boynton Poor	\$7,675.00	\$10,605.57
E.D. Bigelow School Book	\$1,000.00	\$545.26
Post World War II Rehabilitation		\$6,821.07
Bigelow Village Improvement	\$1,000.00	\$1,687.75
Conservation		\$18,290.97
Hazel Gay	\$423.15	\$204.83
<i>Library Funds:</i>		
E. Bigelow Library	\$63,490.32	\$1,634.62
R.M. Library	\$172,683.15	\$71,640.84
V. Howland Library	\$10,025.93	\$15,793.10
AT & T / Lucent	\$521.92	\$10,149.39
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Total Trust Funds as of June 30, 2019	\$389,241.46	\$1,018,259.71

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**SCHEDULE OF COLLECTOR RECEIVABLES**

**JUNE 30, 2019**

	Uncollected July 1, 2018	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Transfer to Tax Title/Deferral	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2019
Real Estate							
2019		10,827,539.16	22,725.09	(53,752.83)	(2,803.08)	(10,671,994.46)	121,713.88
2018	83,563.78		16,538.09	(16,538.09)	(17,477.86)	(62,038.93)	4,046.99
Liens							
Water	243.68	9,432.24				(9,464.97)	210.95
Electric		6,192.21				(6,192.21)	-
Trash	93.91	1,816.29				(1,910.20)	-
I & E		1,000.00				(625.00)	375.00
TitleV Betterments	5,329.50					(2,499.50)	2,830.00
							-
	<u>89,230.87</u>	<u>10,845,979.90</u>	<u>39,263.18</u>	<u>(70,290.92)</u>	<u>(20,280.94)</u>	<u>(10,754,725.27)</u>	<u>129,176.82</u>

	Uncollected July 1, 2018	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2019
Personal Property						
2019	-	200,494.23	691.37	(431.66)	(199,385.06)	1,368.88
2018	407.97				(149.22)	258.75
2017	310.52					310.52
2016	46.04					46.04
2015	29.78				(20.92)	8.86
2014	36.18					36.18
2013	53.66					53.66
	<u>884.15</u>	<u>200,494.23</u>	<u>691.37</u>	<u>(431.66)</u>	<u>(199,555.20)</u>	<u>2,082.89</u>

	Uncollected July 1, 2018	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2019
Other						
In Lieu of Tax	-	31,814.79			(31,814.79)	-
Tax Title	47,444.16	19,486.29			(5,010.13)	61,920.32
Tax Deferrals	2,972.35	2,803.08				5,775.43
Tax Foreclosures	186,732.04					186,732.04
Rollback		6,734.89			(6,734.89)	-
Farm Animal Excise		896.50			(896.50)	-
TitleV Betterments	411.00	2,088.50			(2,499.50)	-
TitleV Loan Program	44,912.42				(1,392.96)	43,519.46
						-
	<u>282,471.97</u>	<u>63,824.05</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,348.77)</u>	<u>297,947.25</u>

	Uncollected 07/01/2018	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2019
Motor Vehicle						
2019	-	657,178.20	6,096.63	(11,787.37)	(590,044.14)	61,443.32
2018	55,875.56	77,366.62	7,987.79	(7,738.79)	(123,796.35)	9,694.83
2017	6,732.21		468.02	(468.02)	(3,674.81)	3,057.40
2016	2,825.54		1,075.62	(1,075.62)	(1,114.49)	1,711.05
2015	2,021.67				(317.92)	1,703.75
2014	2,586.45				(221.88)	2,364.57
2013	629.38					629.38
2012	3,418.65					3,418.65
2011	3,409.58				(210.00)	3,199.58
2010	1,293.65				(26.25)	1,267.40
2009	1,488.86					1,488.86
2008	1,648.35				(60.00)	1,588.35
2007	1,451.36					1,451.36
2006	747.50					747.50
2005	1,878.75					1,878.75
2004	2,574.35					2,574.35
2003	3,884.68				(22.50)	3,862.18
2002	3,365.12				(63.75)	3,301.37
2001	5,375.22					5,375.22
2000	1,626.98					1,626.98
1999	927.52					927.52
	<u>103,761.38</u>	<u>734,544.82</u>	<u>15,628.06</u>	<u>(21,069.80)</u>	<u>(719,552.09)</u>	<u>113,312.37</u>

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT  
JUNE 30, 2019**

	Outstanding July 1, 2018	Issued	Retired	Outstanding June 30, 2019	Interest
<u>LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE</u>					
School Renovations	330,000		330,000	-	15,345
Water Department	25,000		25,000	-	1,163
Water Tank	1,257,960		57,853	1,200,107	25,160
DPW Bldg Renovations	19,800		2,200	17,600	867
DPW Dump Truck	25,000		25,000	-	1,250
School Windows	48,000		6,000	42,000	2,085
Public Safety Complex	3,057,200		316,800	2,740,400	134,123
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,550,000		50,000	1,500,000	67,813
Center School Green Project	266,000		67,000	199,000	9,842
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	69,000		23,000	46,000	2,553
Ambulance & Dump Truck	245,000		55,000	190,000	4,785
DPW Backhoe		130,000	-	130,000	2,457
Title V Loan Program	22,943		7,697	15,246	-
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 6,915,903</b>	<b>\$ 130,000</b>	<b>\$ 965,550</b>	<b>\$ 6,080,353</b>	<b>\$ 267,443</b>



# *TOWN PAYROLL*

**TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL FY19**

<b>TOWN HALL</b>	
Laurie Becker	\$24,944
Marianne Belanger	\$1,622
Peter Bogren	\$2,078
Thomas Carroll	\$131
Kateri Clute	\$1622
Donna Couture	\$47,499
Wayne Curran	\$11,909
Donna Graf-Parsons	\$47,254
Dennis Harney	\$1,890
Judy Hatstat	\$131
Doris Huard	\$1,622
Larissa Kennedy	\$16,503
Jeffrey Kent	\$1,019
Sheryl Lombardi	\$31,105
Deirdre Malone	\$6,207
John Malone	1,703
Mia McDonald	\$8,190
Jean Parent	\$524
Julia Pingitore	\$1,834
Kim Peloquin	\$25,997
John Reece	\$5,150
Carol Riches	\$87,815
James Robert	\$1,352
Michael Savasta	\$25,000
Tiffany Sidhom	\$15,799
John Slabich	\$400
Kathleen Stanley	\$45,379
Susan Stone	\$22,654
Richard Travers	\$1,425
Richard Trifero	\$26,422
B. Peter Warren	\$8,026
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Nicholas Andexler	\$18,921
Michael Benoit	\$14,398
James Carleton	\$85,049

Jay Conte	\$44,712
Peter Conte	\$10,738
Bailey Correia	\$1,733
Richard Doughty	\$1,243
Harisson Duchesney	\$932
Theodore Duchesney	\$3,904
Nolan Flynn	\$2,353
Richard Gaffney	\$7,264
Cynthia Gaudet	\$79,181
Jonathan Hanson	\$8,279
James Hansson	\$4,063
Matthew Hansson	\$1,888
Kevin Kelly	\$47,282
David Kent	\$2,316
Brian Killelea	\$145
Richard McGinn	\$98,177
Shawn Mead	\$69,455
Justin Mercurio	\$1,471
Jeffrey Olson	\$68,802
Jeremy Parkinson	\$5,730
Michael Pingitore	\$94,350
Jason Putnam	\$4,572
Kevin Quinn	\$6,060
Gary Richards	\$6,964
Erika Rivers	\$4,528
Thomas Savage, Jr.	\$58,352
Meghan Stevens	\$21,752
John Walton	\$3,599
Christopher Whynot	\$12,943
James Wieliczko	\$1,864
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Andrew Clark	\$45,096
Roni Huard	\$59,697
Mark Leveille	\$56,685
Matthew Paldino	\$57,685
Michael Putnam	\$78,838
Michael Putnam Jr	\$7,229
Gary Richards	\$65,518
Christopher Ross	\$59,592

<b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>	
David Tardie	\$55,986
Travis Thibault	\$87,211
<b>LIBRARY</b>	
Deborah Bailey	\$52,098
Barbara Braley	\$6,647
Pamela Chenevert	\$8,958
Arnold Childs, Jr.	\$4,991
Kim Cooke	\$27,306
Benjamin Dziewietin	\$1,595
Jamie Galvin	\$2,174
Katherine Schmalz	\$1,577
Susan Wheeler	\$16,919
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	
Maria Ahlin	\$436
Amanda Bedard	\$678
Kathy Card	\$28,012
Erin Doud	\$782
Alyssa Johansson	\$620
Erica Johnsson	\$513
Kiana Nadueau	\$944
Alex Ruppert	\$648
Annabelle Smith	\$680
Alysha Swan	\$672
Erica Turner	\$697
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
Paul Belsito	\$3,633
John Crowley	#7,735
Francis LaFlash	\$3,907
Cynthia Love	\$30,475
Dolores Rauschl	\$4,156
<b>COMMUNICATIONS CENTER</b>	
Ashley Anderson	\$8,862
Laura Cassady	\$42,683
Carolyn Clark	\$1,358
Lauren Corey	\$2,479
Karen Doherty	\$1,663
Sarah Gambrell	\$47,411
Sheri Kaiser	\$35,776

Christopher McRell	\$52,524
Jeffrey Tasca	\$8,576
<b>LIGHT DEPARTMENT</b>	
John Ahern	\$500
Benjamin Bassett	\$61,480
Michael Benoit	\$500
Amy Desaulniers-Drumm	\$23,232
Cheryl Kerxhalli	\$65,743
Naomi Quinn	\$43,393
David Renzetti	\$109,170
Tara Rondeau	\$105,904
Matthew Stone	\$96,663
Emerson Wheeler	\$1,000
Timothy White	\$101,103
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Guy Bibeau	\$154,426
Robert Desrosiers	\$64,482
James Dugan	\$95,181
Brian Fleury	\$47,762
David Keller	\$69,209
William Lang	\$98,147
Jacob Moisio	\$10,076
Matthew Morin	\$41,700
Robert Noone	\$96,805
Eva Ryan	\$60,857
Edward Santiago	\$71,959
Mark Savasta	\$164,257
Jason Silvestri	\$92,843
Forrest Thorpe III	\$122,336
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Mark Belliveau	\$7,927
Corey Buzzell	\$65,215
Paul Ciance	\$14,511
Shawn Davis	\$49,798
John Jovan	\$8,277
Steven Legere	\$1,742
Stefano Marziale	\$4,125
Jonathan Sturgis	\$6,611
David Warren	\$52,580



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: [townofpaxton.net](http://townofpaxton.net)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:  
DIAL "911"

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 508-755-1104  
located at 576 Pleasant Street

Open 24 hours to provide information and assistance to the residents of Paxton.

TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street: hours: Monday-Thursday 9am- 4pm, Friday 9am – 1pm. Hours vary by department so check website for specific department hours.

Town Administrator	Carol L. Riches	Town Hall	508-754-7638 Ext. 20
Board of Selectmen	Peter Bogren, Jr., Chair Donna Graf-Parsons	Board meets every other Monday – Call in advance for meeting dates	508-754-7638 Ext. 10
Town Services Coordinator	Sheryl Lombardi	Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health	508-753-2803 Ext. 11
Board of Appeals	Roberta Brien, Chair	Board meets on an "As needed" basis	
Board of Health	David Parent, Chair	Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm	
Planning Board	Neil Bagdis, Chair	Board meets the second Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero		Home: 508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran		Home: 508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-261-8084
Wire Inspector	John Reece	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-535-1200
Fire Inspector	Michael Pingitore	Call for Inspection	508-793-3170
Town Accountant	Larissa Kennedy	Town Hall	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Assessors	Doris Huard, Chair Kathleen Stanley, Administrative Assessor	Hours: Mon & Thur 8am - 4pm Friday 8am - 1pm	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Town Clerk	Laurie Becker	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 13
Treasurer/Collector	Donna Couture	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 15
Water Commissioners	John Malone, Chair	Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Municipal Light Department	Tara Rondeau, Manager Emerson Wheeler, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Tuesday of each month.	508-756-9508
Police Department	Mark Savasta, Police Chief	Office: 576 Pleasant Street (Business Only)	508-793-3131
Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch	508-755-1104
Recreation Commission	Robin Tasca, Chair	Commission meet the third Monday of each month	
Council on Aging	Curtis Hammar, Chair Cindy Love, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.	508-756-2833
Conservation Commission		Board meets the second Thursday of each month	508-735-0035
Historical Commission	Anita Fenton	Board meets the third Thursday of each month	
Veteran's Agent	Jeffrey Kent	Town Hall	508-754-7638
Richards Memorial Library	Debbie Bailey, Librarian Patricia Dawson, Trustee Chair	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month Check website for hours	508-754-0793